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# Thomas Lincoln Family

## New England Lincolns

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## LINCOLN LORE

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RESEARCH  
FOUNDATION



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THE LINCOLN  
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INSURANCE  
COMPANY

Dr. Louis A. Warren - - - Editor

### GRANDFATHER LINCOLN CHRONOLOGY

The Lincoln family from which the grandfather of Abraham Lincoln descended had its American origin at Hingham, Massachusetts. The names of the Lincolns in the line of descent from Samuel Lincoln of Hingham to Abraham Lincoln, grandfather of the president follow:

1. Samuel and Martha Lyford Lincoln.
2. Mordecai and Sarah Jones Lincoln.

3. John and Rebecca Morris Lincoln. Abraham Lincoln, the grandfather of the president, was the oldest child of John and Rebecca Morris Lincoln. A sketch of his life is herewith presented:

1744

May 13, born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and named for his father's brother.

1748

March 9, his twin sisters, Hannah and Lydia born.

1750

March 5, his brother Isaac born.

1751

November 5, his brother Jacob born.

1755

July 15, his brother John born.

1757

September 18, his sister Hannah born.

1761

October 23, his brother Thomas born.

1767

April 18, his sister Rebecca born.

1768

At the age of 24 moved with parents to Linville Creek in Augusta County, Virginia, now Rockingham County.

1770

January 7, witness to the signing of Jacob Warren's will.

March 26, appointed administrator of Jacob Warren's estate but refused to serve.

June 9, marriage recorded in Augusta County, Virginia, but name of bride not given.

July 7, bought two cows for three pounds 10 shillings at Jacob Warren's administrator's sale.

Listed as a captain of the Virginia militia.

1771

His son Mordecai born (exact date not known.)

1772

June, gave note to Mr. Beard.

August 10, witnessed a deed signed by Ruben and Lydia Harrison. Lydia was his sister.

1773

August 12, acquired land from his father on Linville Creek now in Rockingham County, Virginia.

His son, Josiah born (exact date not known.)

1774

May, in Augusta County Court, Beard vs. Abraham Lincoln note says "Defendant lives on Linville Creek."

His daughter, Mary, born (exact date not known.)

1776

Called a captain at a court-martial held in Stanton, Virginia.

Served as a judge advocate in court in Rockingham County.

A member of Linville Creek Baptist Church committee.

Son, Thomas, father of President Lincoln, born (exact date not known—January most often named as the month.)

1000 acres of land entered for him in Kentucky by Daniel Boone.

1777

August 19, ordered by Augusta County Court that list of tithables in Captain Abraham Lincoln's company be taken.

August 20, Captain Lincoln's order to take the list of tithables.

Served as judge advocate in Rockingham County Court (Rockingham County was set apart from Augusta in 1777.)

1778

Served as judge advocate in Rockingham County court.

Sometime between the birth of Abraham's son, Thomas, in January, 1776, and 1779 there is a probability that his first wife died and he married again. The first name of the wife of this second marriage was Bersheba. Her last name is said to have been Herring.

1779

September 6, bought fifty-two acres of land in Rockingham County adjacent to his own property.

November 22, deed to above land recorded.

Name appears as a captain of militia in Rockingham County.

1780

February 18—Sells 250 acres of land in Rockingham County for which he

received 5,000 pounds current money of Virginia.

His wife, Bersheba, signed deed with him.

March 4, issued land warrant No. 3334 for 400 acres of land for which he paid one hundred and sixty pounds.

March 25, a daughter, Nancy, born.

June 26, deed to land sold on February 18 recorded.

August 29, his brother Jacob married Dorcas Robinson.

June 7, entered 800 acres of land on Green River in Kentucky six miles below Green Riber Lick.

May 29, entered 400 acres of land on Floyd Fork in Jefferson County, Kentucky.

1781

May 1, his name appears on petition for the establishment of a town in Rockingham County, Virginia.

September 24, Bersheba voluntarily relinquished her right of dower to land sold.

1782

August, captured by Indians near Danville, Kentucky, and made to run the gauntlet and then released.

He was on his way back to Virginia to remove his family to Kentucky.

June 27, his brother, John, married Mary Yarnall.

September 23, his brother, Thomas, married Elizabeth Casner.

December 11, 500 acres of land entered for him in Kentucky by Daniel Boone, warrant 5994.

Probably moved to Kentucky in the fall of this year.

1783

Made contract with John Reed to locate 2268 acres of land which Lincoln had entered on warrant 14487. This land was on Green River near Bear Creek in Kentucky.

November 24, his name on the above warrant assigning the land to John Reed was claimed to be a forgery.

1784

November, his 800 acre tract on Green River is surveyed.

1785

May 7, signed name as a chain earrier on a record of survey of his land on Long Run, Jefferson County, Kentucky.

1786

May, massacred by Indians on his Long Run Farm in Jefferson County, Kentucky, and his body is said to be buried in the Long Run Meeting House Cemetery which is within his 400-acre boundary.

The grandfather of Abraham Lincoln for which he was named was 42 years old at the time of his death and left a widow and five children.



MRS. CHARLES J. STRANG  
P. O. BOX 128  
MOUNT TABOR, NEW JERSEY

Aug. 26, 1932

Louis A. Warren, Director,  
Lincoln National Life Foundation.

Dear Sir..

I was interested in reading  
your article on the ancestry of Abraham  
Lincoln, in Friday's Jersey Journal.  
If you will get the book, "Your  
Family Tree" by David Starr Jordan,  
published by D. Appleton & Co., 1929,  
on page 136, the pedigree of Abraham  
Lincoln is traced from Henry I King of  
France, and Anne of Russia, his wife.

sincerely yours  
(Mrs) Charles J. Strang.

September 2, 1932

Mrs. Charles J. Strang

P. O. Box # 128

Mount Tabor, New Jersey

My dear Mrs. Strang:

Thank you very much for  
the information concerning the book con-  
taining the article on Lincoln's ancestry.

Sincerely,

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Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

LAW/H

Loeli. J. Aug. 29. 1932.

Mr L. A. Warren.

Fort Wayne Ind.

Dear Sir-

I was much interested in your recent letter in Cleveland News pertaining to Lincoln's history and real personality and the mistake of considering him a westerner when all his traits and characteristics and prejudgments are so distinctly down eastern made especially noticeable against a western background and so identical with certain New England persons who were neither Puritan or Pagan and who claim or in some cases merely admit relationships.

Ida Tarbell's book tells of the first Lincoln of Hingham England who settled Hingham Mass in 1636 later in various parts of N.E. and one family in Bucks Co. Penna. I am related to those who lived in Westmoreland Cheshire Co N.H. near Keene, but know little about them. Great uncle Samuel Lincoln had two (or more) sons Agilman and Lyler. The latter claimed to trace the relationships and it seems



to me that there may be records available in that locality - These Lincolns were related to Simmons Powers and Pratt - by the name I judge Jas. Pratt Lincoln belongs to This crowd.

Some one used to write for the Fourth Companion about people and incidents in that locality many of which I had previously heard by tradition.

One incident was about a tall stranger stepping over the fence into the old cemetery - examining the epitaphs and departing as silently as he came. It was Abraham Lincoln. This rather refuting his index finger regarding his grandfather and ancestry in general, I think interesting data might be found here otherwise I would not intrude this little item.

Mrs. C. M. McConaughy of this place (Lodi, O.) is related to the Bucks Co. family - perhaps she might furnish useful information. Wishing for my success

Yours Truly

J. Persons

Mrs. Jeannette Persons  
109 S. Academy St  
Lodi, O.



September 7, 1932

Mrs. Jeannette Persons  
108 S. Academy St.  
Lodi, Ohio

Dear Madam:

During his absence Dr. Warren has instructed me to send you the enclosed bulletin which will advise you of the special problems which are confronting us in tracing the paternal ancestry of Lincoln.

We need very much some definite information as to who was Lincoln's maternal grandmother. Possibly Mrs. McConaughy may be able to help us here.

Thank you very much for your suggestions.

Sincerely yours,

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Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

WALTER GOULD LINCOLN  
LAWYER  
1113-1114 LINCOLN BUILDING.  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
TUCKER 8434

8/31/32

Mr. Louis A. Warren,  
Lincoln National Life Foundation,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana,

Dear Sir:

The editor of one of our newspapers has asked me to reply to your letter of the 23rd inst., with regard to the early life and ancestry of Abraham Lincoln.

I suppose, of course, you are familiar with the recent books of Wm. A. Barton and Ida Tarbell, as well as the Genealogy of the Lincoln Family in England, the latter published in 1907.

Being probably a descendant of the original Stephen Lincoln of Hingham, Mass., I am doubly interested in Abraham Lincoln - his life and ancestry, and since January of this week I have given weekly radio talks on this subject.

If you can refer me to any recent publications, or some of your helpful date on the subject, I would indeed appreciate it.

Yours very truly,

*Walter Gould Lincoln*

September 6, 1932

Walter Gould Lincoln  
1113-1114 Lincoln Bldg.  
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mr. Lincoln:

Thank you for your letter of  
August 31.

Possibly you are already familiar with the exhaustive "History of the Lincoln Family" published by Waldo Lincoln at Worcester, Mass.

My own "Lincoln's Parentage and Childhood" published by the Century Company New York City also touches the question of Lincoln's background.

I know Mr. Barton real well and Miss Tarbell is to be here next week.

Enclosed please find some bulletins in which you will be interested. Lincoln Lore is sent gratis to about 3000 Lincoln students and we will be pleased to place your name on our list if you so desire.

Very sincerely,

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Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

LAW/H



## MORRIS H. BRIGGS

RARE BOOKS

506 SOUTH WABASH AVENUE  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

November 2, 1932.

Mr. Louis A. Warren,  
Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Dear Mr. Warren:

I have some papers here for consideration regarding various Lincolns. The first is headed, "1778 the estate of Thos. Waren Dettter to Abm. Lincoln as Exctr. The following names and dates are mentioned:

Sept. 28, 1779 Jos. Heister  
" Conrad Guest, Henry Miller  
1779 Thos. Youngman  
" Frederick Zin, John Richards, John Egle  
" Christian Fisher  
1787 Aug. John Ludwick  
" Geo. Creek  
June 1778 Jacob Dehart  
" " Isaac Fether  
John Fry  
Henry Haller  
Joseph Murray  
March 1779 Elijah Person  
April " Daniel Rose  
May " William Tallman  
June 1783 Sam High  
March 1782 John Collier  
March 1787 Henry Christ  
Sep't. 1787 Benj. W. Spyker  
" " Geo. Poss, John Old.  
May 1787 Widow Whitehed

The second is headed, " June 9th. 1824, Martha and Anna Lincoln's Accompt Book." June, 1824, Abraham Herner. 1832, Aug. Thos. Lincoln. 1835, May 25, Thomas Lincoln, 1824 and 1825, Elizabeth and John Glasmyer, 1825, 1826, Thomas Lincoln, 1825, 1826, Dan Evens, 1835,, 1828, Elizabeth Koub, Sarah Boone, 1825, 1826, 1827, 1828, Nicholas Stamets, 1827, Sarah Boone, 1830, Julyan Lincoln, 1827, 1828, 1829, 1830, Joseph Boone, 1827, 1828,, 1829, Joseph Hail, 1827, 1828, Joseph Hale, 1829, 1830, Elizabeth and John Glasmyer, 1827-30. Wm. Kline, 1836, Caleb Harrison, 1832, Jacob Kern, 1829, 1830, 1831. David Koub, 1829, 1833, 1834. On the back cover signature of Margaret Lincoln, 1828.

The Third: account book largely with Mordecai Lincoln. Account with Susy Boone dates, 1815-1817. May 8, 1817 Martha Lincoln lent 2 2 6 to Nicholas Stumets, work done for T. Gordon.

Fourth: Account Book of John D. Lincoln, 1857-1861.



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## MORRIS H. BRIGGS

RARE BOOKS

506 SOUTH WABASH AVENUE  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Fifth: Book, the Gentleman Farriers Repository, etc. 3d. edition, Phila. MDCCLXXV. This has the signature of Thos. Lincoln. I enclose a rough tracing. Some other notes also in same hand.

What few reference books I have here do not give me much light on the subject. I imagine it is likely that all of these are perhaps Eastern papers. Am going to the Newberry Library this afternoon to check up on Lincoln and Boone genealogies.

I hate to trouble you but you know so doggone much in this field that if any of these have a Kentucky or Lincoln (Abraham) family significance it will be apparent to you at once. The Thos. Warren in the first papers must have been a man of some significance as he had quite an estate.

If the Thos. Lincoln in the second book is Abraham's father, the signed book will probably be O.K. There is one note in this book, rather poor writing which seems to be as follows: "Chured (cured?) liver complaint of man in Lexington or Linington." This may indicate Lexington, Ky.

The third account book is evidently Martha Lincoln's also as it is in the same hand as the second.

It is very likely that this is all Pennsylvania stuff, however, I thought it worth while to check into carefully.

Sincerely,

*M. H. Briggs*



1718 The State of Tho<sup>s</sup>. Warren  
Deputy to Abbr<sup>m</sup>. Lincoln as Ex<sup>tr</sup>

		Boys
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Getting affirmed & Profors	1
	attending the apase ment	1
	to one gallon Beer at apase ment	1
June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	attending Vandue	1
	to 2 quarts Whisky at vandue	1
9	At settling acct <sup>s</sup> of waying Tobacco	1
13	Selling with Henry Holler & others	1
16	Return on the Inventor in y <sup>e</sup> office	1
Dec <sup>r</sup> 4	at Hedding Selling whlers Co & S	1

1729<sup>th</sup>  
March 29

Sept<sup>r</sup> 28 to paying Jo<sup>s</sup>. Heister seven  
teen Dollars & 1/2 being Commissions  
on Six Hundred and eighty nine  
Dollars of the Colled in money

Sept<sup>r</sup> 28 to paying { for<sup>d</sup> Guest 100  
Henry Miller 100



June 3<sup>d</sup> 1775

The as plate of Tho<sup>s</sup> Hamer Esq  
to Abraham Lincoln Esq.

Jacob Behart

Case of Drawers a large puter dish  
and three plates

to paying for our Father State's	}	2	2	0
County Tax -				

County Tax

2	10	pay in John Fry for crying Vandy	3	0	0
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13. to paying Henry Haller balance	\$	3	8
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July to paying Joseph Murray } 6 6 32

13	for Clark Ship	10	0	0
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to paying Bery. <sup>a</sup> Parks for Coffin	7	0	0
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paid David Rice for Singling  $28\frac{1}{2}$  of lace 0 7 6

1779 march 29 paid Elijah Per-

Son for eight days & a half's far-	5	2	0
mer work at 12 1/2 c			

april 3 - day in jail

for increasing the value of the house 15

May 20<sup>th</sup> to paying William -

Tallman for processing the	0	15	0
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as late of Tho<sup>s</sup> Harrison

1783 June 7<sup>th</sup> to paying Sam High

June 1st 1898	hard money on Bond	8	13	7
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1782 march 13<sup>th</sup> to paying John

Collier hard money	0	10	0
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March 12<sup>th</sup> 1787 this Day

Paid Henry Christ. Cal.

Received of \_\_\_\_\_

1789

may 23 paid Widow Whitehead 8 10 0

~~1787~~

7/49 basis in sum of 137 and 1/2



1787 Sep 10<sup>th</sup> paid Benj<sup>n</sup>  
Speaker for Auditing Rattun  
Acc<sup>t</sup> of Warrens Estate

18 9

affumed to pay George  
Rofs upon a proved account  
of John Olo

11 5 6

Some time before this day

1787 Sept 11<sup>th</sup>

1787 Sept 11 to paying Sam Jackson 1 2 6

1778	May 20	Abbr Lincoln Dr to Cash			
		Sale the property of Thos Warren	L	5	9
	20	to Cash appraised	316	0	0
	June 9	to Cash upon book accpts to Thos Warren	5	19	6
		to Cash Recd of Vandue of White	27	19	7
	August 27	by Boock Cash Recd of Jacob Margon	12	19	3
	Decm 4	Vandue Moses Jonson	5	9	0
1779	Feb	of Isaac Steat Book accpts...	3	12	7
	Feb	of Eve Warren Book accpts against John Youngman	3	15	0
	18	to paying David Lise for firing			
		ling 2 52 of flux			
	April 30	Frederick Zin	0	1	5
	June 1	John Nicholas	0	18	
		of Honorat first	9	0	0
		of Mission for 1st			
		hands of Eve	1	11	2
	July 4	Peter Houghs	0	2	2
		by the hands of Eve			
1787	May 29	Recd of John Egle	0	0	9
1787	May 29	Recd of Christian Fisher	0	2	1
1787	August 15	Recd of Daniel Ludwick hard	0	4	
1787	August 15	Recd of John Ludwick hard	0	2	6
1787	July 10	Recd of George Creek 7/4 specie in hand of 15/7 Con			7 4



November 4, 1932

Mr. Morris H. Briggs  
506 South Wabash Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Briggs:

The Lincoln papers presented to you were in our hands sometime ago and have correctly concluded in your last paragraph that it is likely Pennsylvania material.

The Abraham Lincoln mentioned in the old book of 1778 and who settled the estate of Thomas Warren was the brother of the Virginia John, the great-grandfather of President Lincoln and father of Abraham Lincoln the pioneer.

You will see from this that none of these Lincolns are directly in the line of Abraham Lincoln the president.

The Thomas Lincoln named in these papers seems to have been a son of this Abraham Lincoln of Burton County. The other names are certainly Burton County names and inasmuch as the Kentucky branch of the Lincoln left Pennsylvania as early as 1770, you can readily see there is no vital connection in the immediate family in which we are interested.

If you should happen to acquire the collection, however, we should be interested in your price on the Abraham Lincoln, Administrator book merely because of its association with the great-grandfather of the president through his brother Abraham.

We would not be in position, however, to pay more than \$10.00 for the item and we would not be interested in any of the others.

Very sincerely yours,

LAW:LH

Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation





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Lincoln Foundation

Lincoln National Life  
Insurance Co.

Fort Wayne Ind.

Gentlemen,

I have for  
sale one Bible printed in 1673  
by John Hayes of Cambridge,  
Printer to the University.

On the fly-leaf written  
in ink all the words

Mary Brown Lincoln 1821.

A picture (small size about  
2" x 4") of Abe Lincoln loose  
lying between leaves.

This book to be  
sold for best offer.

Will send to you for  
inspection if desired.

John C. Stefford  
1219 Tward Ave,  
Steubenville  
Ohio

Bible with Lincoln name

March 9, 1934

Mr. John C. Stafford  
1219 Tweed Ave.  
Steubenville, Ohio

My dear Mr. Stafford:

If you care to send on the old Bible which you have for our approval and also let us know what you expect to receive for it, we will be pleased to let you know whether or not we care to retain it.

Very sincerely yours,

Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

LAW:EB

John C. Stafford  
1219 Turrell Ave.,  
Sturteville  
Ohio

3/26/34.

The Lincoln National Life  
Foundation  
Fort Wayne  
Ind.,

Gentlemen,

March 22, 1934 Via Railway  
Express I shipped to you one Lincoln Bible  
for inspection. I intend to sell this  
Bible for best offer. All bids absolutely  
confidential. Make me your best offer  
and I will give you instructions as  
to disposal of Bible.

Very truly yours  
J. C. Stafford.



March 27, 1964

Mr. John C. Stafford  
1219 Tread Ave.  
Stuebenville, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Stafford:

We have received your old Bible containing the signature of some member of the Lincoln family. This arrived in good condition. As Dr. Warren is at present in the hospital recovering from an appendicitis operation the Bible is being held until his return to the Foundation. I expect him to be able to be at his desk within the next ten days.

In the event you do not want to wait that long for the Bible I shall return it to you. I would like for Dr. Warren to see this item as I know it would interest him. However I do not know whether he would be interested in placing a very large bid on the book or not. I shall await your letter before returning the Bible to you.

Yours Very Truly

R. Gerald McMurtry      Librarian  
Lincoln National Life Foundation

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1219 Tweed Avenue  
Steubenville, Ohio  
March 29, 1934

Mr. R Gerald McMurtry, Librarian  
The Lincoln National Life Foundation  
Dear Mr. McMurtry:

Your letter of March 27th received.  
Sorry about Dr. Warren's illness. Do not worry him  
about the Bible now. Do not show it to him until he  
has fully recovered as I am in no hurry about disposing  
of it.

Very truly yours,

J. C. Stafford

April 24, 1934

Mr. J. C. Stafford  
1219 Tweed Ave.  
Steubenville, Ohio

My dear Mr. Stafford:

I am just back at my office after a rather long period of illness and find the Bible which you so kindly sent for our inspection.

While we have been very glad to look it over I do not think it is anything that we would care to acquire, although I am sure it has great value to those descending from this line of the Lincoln family.

I cannot seem to find the name Mary Brown Lincoln in the story of the Lincoln family by Waldo Lincoln, which is the official family history.

The little Lincoln picture which you also enclosed is interesting, and if you care to dispose of that and will tell us how much you want for it, possibly we might acquire it.

I trust you may be able to find some one who will be interested in securing the old Bible, which we are returning to you insured.

Very sincerely yours,

LAW: EB

Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

*Bible enclosed in envelope*





Lincoln Cabinet



My Dear Dr. Warren: -

I was so disappointed when I found that the schedules were changed and I did not find you at the Hollywood High School got there at eight thirty that I might hear your talk but it was impossible for me to remain until eleven.

Am sending you this account of all I know of the Lincoln Book case. I have a picture of it, a





The paternal Grand mother of my children  
was a cousin of William Herndon and met  
Lincoln often in Illinois.

Sincerely yours

Clarice H. Ford

Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> 1935-

6109 Carlos Ave  
Hollywood, Calif.

Gr. 9596.

clipping from the Louisville  
Courier Journal of about  
thirty years ago and a let-  
ter written for me by a forme-  
er Sheriff of Spencer County  
Indiana who knew my  
Grandfather. I had this  
data with me yesterday.

Should you be returning  
to Los Angeles I would be hap-  
py to have an interview with  
you.

I am a descendant of Dan-  
iel Lincoln. Ida Tarbell says  
he was a brother or cousin of  
Thomas the Weaver, possibly  
there was some connection  
and I am proud to think  
I come from the same stock  
however remote.

d.

Stephen B. Warren

FOREST H. SWEET

46 GREEN STREET

BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

AMERICAN HISTORICAL MATERIAL  
AUTOGRAPH LETTERS AND PRINTS  
BOUGHT AND SOLD

Dear Dr. Warren:

I can offer at 75<sup>0</sup> the lot 2 letters of John E Morris and 1 letter of R. R. Hoos on Swicols Genealogy, 1897-98. Morris compiled Stephen Swicols of Oakham Mass His Ancestry & Descendants. Hartford: 1895 which book I can offer at 12<sup>00</sup> tho' I expect you have it.

Sincerely  
F H Sweet

12/27/35



Doc. 1876 Lincoln 6130/36

## Lincoln Of Revolutionary Fame



When Gen. George Washington received Lord Cornwallis' sword at Yorktown, he designed Gen. Benjamin Lincoln, shown in the above steel engraved picture, to receive and take over Cornwallis' troops. Abraham Lincoln and General Lin-

coln, who was a resident of Hingham, Mass., were descendants of a common ancestor—Samuel Lincoln, the weaver, who came from Hingham, England, some three hundred years ago. The picture is from an engraving owned by Probate Judge Benjamin S. DeBoice.



## DEMAS HOOVER

581 BINNS BOULEVARD  
COLUMBUS, OHIO

9-21-36

Mr Louis A Warren

My Dear Mr Warren

I received letters from you last year dated June 18 and 28 regarding George Lincoln whose descendants say that he was related to Abraham Lincoln. I could give you no information at that time from which you might trace his ancestry.

I kept the subject in mind and today received a report of an examination of the census records at Washington for 1850. The following was found.

Hartford township Licking Co Ohio  
Census of 1850

Family 887

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Georg Lincoln	age 50	Farmer Real Estate \$800	born N H
Lyman	" 22		Ohio
Rhoda	" 18		"
William	" 13		"
Elisha	" 8		"

Hartford Village

Family 972

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Elizabeth Lincoln	44	born in Ohio
Ellen Brown	22	" " "
David Brown	23	Blacksmith " " "

George Lincoln's first wife and the mother of his children was Lucia Warren daughter of Daniel and Rhoda Warren. The Elizabeth Lincoln above must have <sup>been</sup> a widow Brown who may have been his second wife. In my letter of a year ago I gave Rhoda Warren's maiden name as Newell I found later that her name was Alvord, daughter of Ebenezer and Catherine Strong Alvord. See Alvord genealogy pages 53 and 80. I am not particularly interested in the Lincoln genealogy but I understand you are. In the above you have his age and place of birth with names of his children. I think two of his children were enumerated at the home of their uncle Elisha Warren at Granville ~~Village~~ Licking Co O. (Township) They were listed in family #1102 as

Ellenor Lincoln	age 15	M. (sic)	born in Ohio
Adalene	" 10	F.	" " "

Resp

*Demas Hoover*

Subscriptions received for any magazine published. Special offers usually pay a liberal commission. Please send them to me.  
The Circulation Department of leading magazines is an association of magazine agents working on commission the same as I do.  
When you remit direct someone in the office gets the commission.

*My letter to you was dated July 14 1935*  
My son Giles N Hoover with the San Antonio Agency under Mr Douglass

October 1, 1936

Mr. Dumas Hoover  
581 Binns Boulevard  
Columbus, Ohio

My dear Mr. Hoover:

This is to let you know that I appreciate very much the further information about the family of George Lincoln and of course it is especially interesting to me in that there is a connection with the Warren family. My own great, great grandfather's name was Daniel Warren of Massachusetts.

Although we have secured one or two other Lincoln family histories, we are not as yet able to locate George Lincoln, born in New Hampshire in 1800, but we have written to the American Antiquarian Society at Worcester hoping they may be able to help us.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB

Director  
Lincoln National Life Foundation

April 1 - 1937

Lincoln Nat. Life.

R. Gerald M. Mearns! —

I write to you in regard to Robert Todd Lincoln's relatives and what I would like to find out is what relation Robert Todd Lincoln was to Abraham Lincoln. They are supposed to be a direct relative. When were you first met these things I think Robert was born about 1840 or 41 —

I would appreciate any information on the family life.

I will anxiously await a reply

Sincerely —

Wm. Puffer —

am enclosing stamps

add. 212 - 38<sup>th</sup> Ave. N. -

Minneapolis, Minn.



April 7, 1937

Mr. William Puffet  
212 - 38th Avenue, North,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

We will be very glad indeed to answer your query as fully as we can if you will give us a little more information about Rebecca and Katherine Lincoln. There are so many Rebeccas and Katherines, however, among the Lincolns, that you must tell us where they were born, if possible, what their parents names were, and also what their children's names were, if they had children. We must have some other distinguishing thing about them except their names, as these names are quite common among the Lincolns. We would be very happy to furnish you such information as we have at no expense.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB

Director

Ms. B. 1. 1. 1.

April - 37 -

William H. Puffer

Dear Sir -

Will try and tell  
you more of Rebecca & Katherine  
History - I know they are all New  
Yorkers - and were born there -  
their father was Ira Lincoln, he  
married Mary Rebecca Newman - sister  
of Rev. Phillips Newman of New York  
Rebecca's father Ira was a traveling  
man - traveled with a team was found  
dead on his wagon - there were 4  
girls 'Julia', 'Mary Rebecca', 'Cornelia', &  
'Katherine'. There was one boy  
Ira named for his father, he went  
to Australia when quite young and  
hasn't been heard of since -

Katherine had no children Julia  
had 1 girl - Cornelia had two sons  
one named Edwin Geer - lived in N. Y.  
city last heard of - other died -

Rebecca had 6 children -  
Ira L. Puffer - Alfred L. Puffer, William H.  
Dora L - a girl - Charles L - and Fred.  
Puffer -

Katherine's married name was Viall.  
Julia A. Tuttle, Cornelia Davis, Rebecca  
Puffer.

I children came from Wilmington  
Vermont, and Cornelia from New York  
state all were born in N.Y. state as  
far as I know - I may get more  
information later from Aunt  
and I will forward as soon  
as I can will be anxiously  
awaiting a reply and many thanks  
for your kind help - I know  
you are related, are supposed to  
be cousins, I surely hope this  
will help - thank you -

Sincerely Yours  
William Duffer

212 - 38 Ave. A -  
Mpls, Minn.



April 23, 1937

Mr. William Puffer  
212 - 38th Avenue, North  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Sir:

I have carefully gone through Waldo Lincoln's genealogy of the Lincoln family but nowhere do I find the name of Ira Lincoln or those of his daughters and sons that you have suggested, so it appears to me that it must be from some other Lincoln branch, possibly from the Benjamin Lincoln family, as Mr. Waldo Lincoln's book is quite complete giving the descendants of Samuel Lincoln from whom Abraham Lincoln was descended. I regret very much indeed that the names do not appear in this book.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB

Director



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~~50 MADISON AVENUE~~ 655-5TH AVE.,  
52ND STREET  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Oct 9/37

Dear Mr. Warner

Mr. Herz has suggested  
that I call your attention to  
6 papers of Abraham  
Lincoln, grandfather of  
the President

There is an ALS, deeds,  
survey with plots etc.

Mr. Herz says the ALS is  
the only one he ever heard of  
& that the papers are easily  
worth 100. — Do you  
want to see them

Yrs. W. Benjamin

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NEW YORK, N. Y.

Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 1937

Dear W Warren

I just examined  
the papers of which Mr.  
Benjamin speaks in his  
letter. I think you  
ought to have them - They  
seem to be important and  
in fine condition.

Cordially yours

Quinn-Cory

October 12, 1937

Mr. Walter E. Benjamin  
655 Fifth Avenue  
52nd Street  
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Benjamin:

Thank you very much for calling to our attention the autograph letter of Abraham Lincoln's grandfather and other documents which may accompany it.

Of course, we are always anxious to acquire anything unique relating to Lincoln and would like very much for you to forward the letter and deed for our consideration and we will be able to judge whether or not we wish to pay \$100.00 for the lot.

Very truly yours,

LAW:MB

Director

P. S. - Some how your name has been moved from our Lincoln Lore mailing list, which I regret very much, and we are again placing it on the list today and sending some back copies.

L.A.W.

October 27, 1937

Mr. Walter R. Benjamin  
655 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Benjamin:

On October 9, you wrote calling to our attention some documents in the hand of Abraham Lincoln's grandfather, offering to send them for our approval if we cared to acquire them.

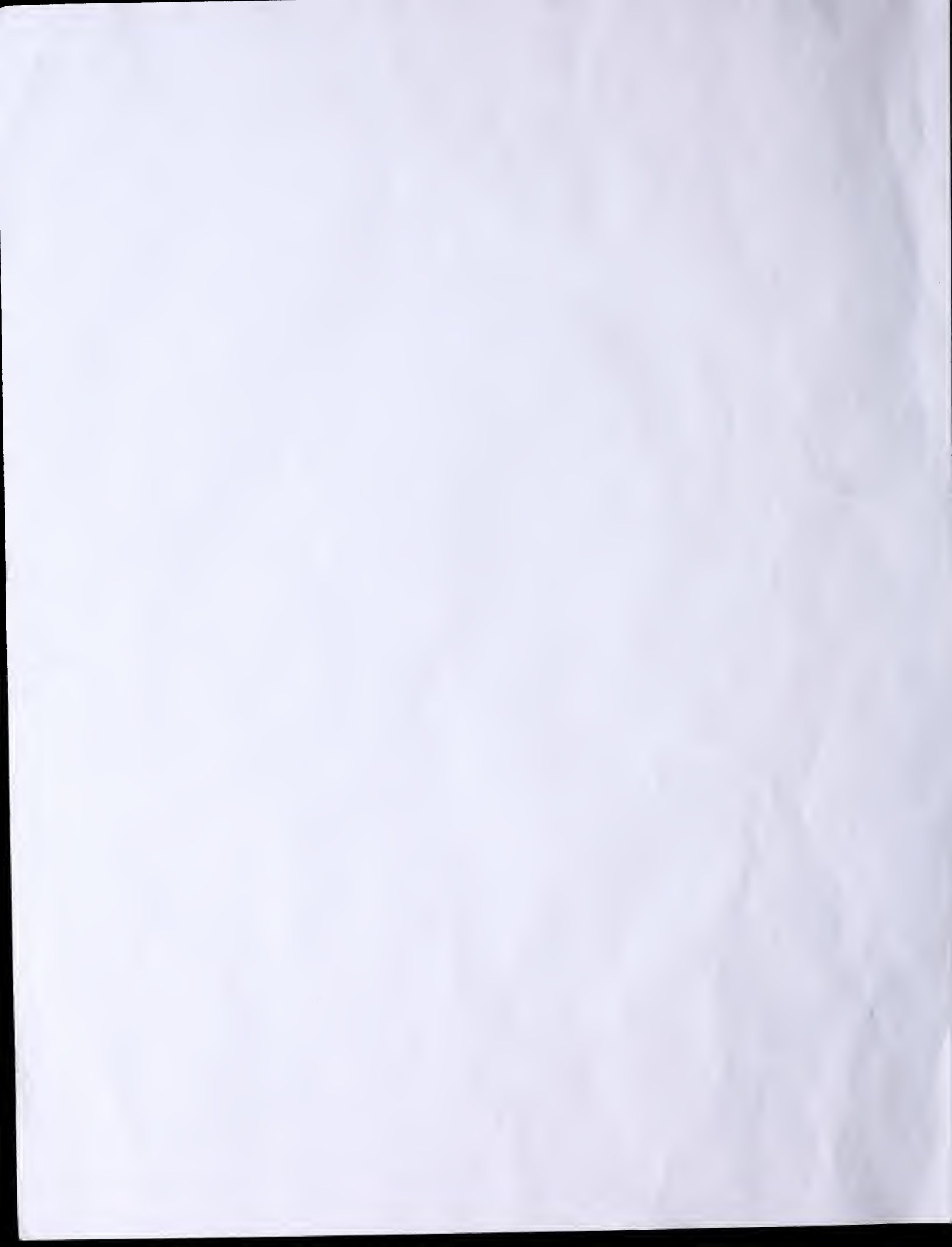
On October 13, we wrote suggesting we were interested in the items and stated we would be pleased to see them. This note is being written to advise you that the documents have not arrived and if they were forwarded, you should immediately trace them.

Very truly yours

LAW:AME

Director





Oct. 29, 1937.  
655 Fifth Ave. N.Y.C.

Dear Mr. Warren:

The reason you have not heard from us is that we ourselves have the Lincoln letters on consignment. The owner of them is down South somewhere and will not answer letters. Until we can get some definite idea of her valuation of them we cannot mail them on to you. We shall do so, however, just as soon as we can get in touch with her.

Yours very truly,

*Mary A. Benjamin*



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr. Louis A. Warren,  
Lincoln National Life Foundation,  
Fort Wayne, Ind.

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52ND STREET  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Nov. 3, 1937.

Mr. Louis A. Warren,  
Lincoln National Life Foundation,  
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Mr. Warren:

We have finally heard from the owner  
of the Lincoln lot and we find it possible  
to quote the documents and letter, which I  
now enclose, at \$100. I regret the delay  
in this matter.

Yours very truly,

*Walter R. Benjamin*



November 10, 1937

Mrs. Mary A. Benjamin  
655 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, New York

Dear Mrs. Benjamin:

Over the week end I have had an opportunity to look over the Lincoln papers which you forwarded and regret exceedingly that they do not happen to be the papers of Abraham Lincoln's grandfather. I certainly was in hopes that they were because we would have liked so much to have them if they dealt with Abraham Lincoln, grandfather of President Lincoln.

The papers which you have forwarded are the papers of Abraham Lincoln, a nephew of the grandfather of the President, who was born in 1799 and died in 1851. He was the son of Jacob Lincoln, brother of Abraham Lincoln's grandfather.

If you have access to Waldo Lincoln's history of the Lincoln family you will find a story of him on page 207 and on page 206 you will find reference to the deed which you enclosed among the other papers.

Again let me say that I regret exceedingly that they are not the papers associated with the grandfather of Lincoln, as we would have liked very much to have them if they were.

We are returning them to you insured.

Very truly yours,

LAW:NB

Director

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## CLEMERS RADIO SERVICE

425 Elm Avenue, S. W.

ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

December 27, 1937

The Lincoln National Life Foundation  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing typewritten copy of deed signed by  
Abraham Lincoln thinking possible you would be interested in  
securing the original.

Very truly yours

BRING IN YOUR RADIO TUBES - WE TEST THEM FREE - DEALERS FOR *Sylvania* SET-TESTED TUBES  
REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.



COPY.

This Indenture Made this       day of in the year of our Lord 1837 Between Joseph Coffman & Abigail his wife of the County of Rockingham and State of Virginia of the one part, And Abraham Lincoln of the County and State aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Joseph Coffman & Abigail his wife for and in consideration of the sum of three thousand Dollars Lawful money of Virginia to them in hand paid by the said Abraham Lincoln, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained and sold assigned and set over and by these presents do grant, bargain sell assign and set over to the said Abraham Lincoln & his Heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns all their the said Joseph Coffman's & Abigail his wife's title and interest in and to the tract of land purchased by Jacob Lincoln senr(?) of the County of Rockingham and State of Virginia of Tunis Vanpelt, and on which the said Jacob Lincoln lived at the date of his Will. Also all their right title and interest in and to the balance of the pine land which sd. Jacob Lincoln directed to be sold in his last Will by his Executors. The Vanpelt tract by the said Will is devised to his wife Dorcas Lincoln during her life or widowhood, and which after her marrying again, or death, he the said Jacob Lincoln among other property bequeathed to his wife on the said terms and conditions aforesaid, & for the period of time aforesaid, directed his Executors in the said Will named, to sell it at Public Sale on Such terms as they should deem most advantageous, and the proceeds arising from the Sale of the said tract of land herein spoken of, and the other property bequeathed to his said wife as aforesaid, to divide equally between the said Abigail Coffman, Dorcas Strayer, & Elizabeth Chrisman (the testator's three daughters) after paying out of the Estate of said Testator the Legacies contained in his said Will. Together with all their the said Joseph Coffman's and his wife's right, Title & Interest in and to their share of the proceeds of the Sale of said Lands To Have & to Hold the said Title ~~xxx~~ & Interest in the said Lands, or the proceeds of the sale thereof, unto the said Abraham Lincoln his Heirs or assigns forever - (Subject However to this proviso, that should neither of these two tracts on measuring them hold out the number of Acres Called for in the Deeds made to Jacob Lincoln Dec'd. The said Joseph Coffman & Abigail his wife or their Heirs, are not to make up any part of such deficiency. It being clearly and distinctly understood that they the said Joseph Coffman & Abigail his wife, convey to the said Abraham Lincoln, his Heirs & only such Interests in the said Lands, as the said Abigail Coffman, formerly Abigail Lincoln, is entitled to by the last Will and testament of her father Jacob Lincoln Dec'd).

And the said Joseph Coffman & Abigail his wife, and their Heirs Executors and Administrators, the said Title and Interest in the said Lands or the proceeds of the sale thereof (subject to the above proviso) unto the sd Abraham Lincoln his Heirs & assigns, against the claim or claims of them the said Joseph Coffman & Abigail his wife, and their Heirs and all and every person or persons what-ever shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents. In witness whereof the said Joseph Coffman & Abigail his wife, have hereunto set their hands and seals on the day and year first written



Rockingham County to wit.

We                      &                      Justices of the Peace in the County  
aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that Abigail  
Coffman the wife of Joseph Coffman parties to a certain deed for the  
conveyance of the proceeds of Real Estate to Abraham Lincoln, bearing  
date on the                      day of                      1837 and hereunto annexed, person-  
ally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined  
by us privily and apart from her husband, and having the Deed afore-  
said fully explained to her, the said Abigail Coffman Acknowledged the  
same to be her act & Deed & declared that She had willingly signed,  
sealed and delivered the same, And that she wished not to retract it.

Given under our hands and seals this day of

1637.

On back of this documents are signatures of

J. Coffman

Deed

& wife to

of

B &amp; Sale

A. Lincoln



December 29, 1937

Mr. J. H. Clemer  
425 Elm Avenue, South West  
Roanoke, Virginia

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for calling to our attention the deed signed by Abraham Lincoln, but inasmuch as he is a distant relative of the President we would not be especially interested in acquiring it.

We are always grateful, however, to anyone who will call our attention to available items about Lincoln.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB

Director



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
OLYMPIA

May 11, 1938

Dr. Louis A. Warren, Editor  
Lincoln National Life Foundation  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

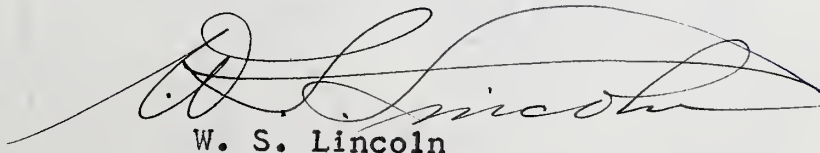
Dear Sir:

For a number of years I have been tracing my family ancestors. I am a descendant of Joshua Lincoln of Taunton, Massachusetts and according to Ida Tarbell the Taunton Lincolns are descendants of Thomas Lincoln the miller that moved from Hingham to Taunton in 1650. Thomas Lincoln II who was born in England about 1628 and came to America with his father was living in Taunton when his fourth child was born in March 1658 and named Samuel. This Samuel left Taunton in 1692, going to Wingham, Connecticut.

I have been unsuccessful in tracing the descendants of Thomas Lincoln II from 1692 to 1746 when Joshua Lincoln married in Taunton to Hannah Danforth who was in all probabilities the father of Joshua Lincoln who was born in Taunton in 1757 and served Revolutionary forces as given in the "Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors during the Revolution" and who married Elizabeth Seekins in Taunton in 1783. While your research work has been on Abraham Lincoln, I thought you might have some data or advise where I might be able to get some lead, through which I might obtain the desired information.

5/16/38  
mae  
✓ I enclose check for \$1.13 (3¢ postage for reply to above) and \$1.10 for "Lincoln and LaFayette Families" and "Romance of Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks."

Yours very truly,

  
W. S. Lincoln

May 16, 1938

Mr. W. S. Lincoln  
Assistant State Treasurer  
Olympia, Washington

My dear Mr. Lincoln:

I think your best lead for securing information about the family of Thomas Lincoln II of Hingham, Massachusetts, would be through the New England Genealogical Society, at Worcester, Massachusetts.

Mr. Waldo Lincoln, the author of the History of the Lincoln Family which traces the ancestry of Samuel Lincoln, Abraham Lincoln's progenitor, had quite a complete manuscript gathered of other Lincoln families in America not directly descended from Samuel Lincoln.

This manuscript, it appears to me, should give the desired information, and I am quite sure if you will write to the New England Genealogical Society they will be willing to cooperate with you to the desired end. We will make note of your needs and if we find here in our own collection any information of value, we will be pleased to advise you.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB

Director

P. S. The books which you ordered are being sent under separate cover

L. A. W.



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1802 Capitol Way  
Olympia, Washington  
May 7, 1941

Dr. Louis A. Warren  
Editor Lincoln Lore  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Dr. Warren:

When you were in Seattle, Washington, a few weeks ago, my brother, J. B. Lincoln, while in conversation with you mentioned that I was tracing the descendants of Joshua Lincoln, born in Taunton in 1757, but that there was a missing link between him and some descendants of Thomas Lincoln the Miller. You advised that if I would write you that you could possibly be of assistance to me.

In brief, I will state as follows: Joshua Lincoln, born in Taunton, 1757, married Elizabeth Seekins of the same place June 5, 1783, and while I have no data to support my contention that this Joshua is a son of Joshua who married Hannah Danforth in Taunton, April 3, 1746, we find that Joshua and Elizabeth Seekins Lincoln named one son Joshua, a daughter, Hannah, and another son, Danforth, which would, to my way of thinking, indicate a family relation. Waldo Lincoln does not include Joshua and Hannah Danforth Lincoln in his book, but his manuscript, which is in possession of the New England Historical Society, does mention them.

There is a connecting link somewhere in the early part of 1700 but I have not been able to find it. Any information you may give me or a lead that I may be able to bridge this ravine whereby I may be able to form a connection from Thomas Lincoln the Miller to Joshua Lincoln who married Elizabeth Seekins in 1783, I will certainly appreciate same.

Enclosed herewith is copy of a publication in the Taunton Daily Gazette, January 27, 1906, which I would be pleased to have you return it with any comments you care to make. Trusting to hear from you at your early convenience, I am

Sincerely,



W. S. Lincoln

P. S. The descendants from Joshua and Elizabeth Seekins Lincoln, numbering several hundred, have been traced down to the present date.



May 19, 1941

Mr. W. S. Lincoln  
1802 Capitol Way  
Olympia, Wash.

My dear Mr. Lincoln:

It was a pleasure indeed to meet your brother in Seattle and I wish I might have had the opportunity of making your acquaintance, also, and I hope that some of my future Western itineraries may bring me into Olympia.

We have quite an extensive collection of Lincoln notes here but I fail to find anything for Joshua and Hannah Danforth Lincoln.

Inasmuch as I will be in Worcester, Massachusetts this summer possibly if I get an opportunity to visit the New England Historical Society I will be able to do some checking on the original manuscript of Waldo Lincoln.

Thank you for allowing me to look over the interesting article which you forwarded and I have made some excerpts from it and hope to be able to get a copy of the speech as Lincoln delivered it, and as it was reported by the Taunton paper.

Enclosed you will please find a little booklet on the Lincoln Family you might wish to keep.

If I am successful in discovering anything about the Joshua and Hannah Danforth Lincoln family I will advise you.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB  
Enc.

Director

1958-42d Ave.

Oakland, Calif.

Oct. 7, 1938

My dear Dr. Warren:

Perhaps the following bears on the Lincoln ancestry:

In the Univ. of Calif. Library is a copy of Minn. Historical Collections, Vol. VI (7601) (M5), containing a list of pensioned Rev. soldiers. A note states the list is printed from a private copy of the official list which was burned in the Capitol at Washington, in 1814, and suggests this may be an only copy. The list shows:

an Elijah Lincoln, living in Conn. in 1813, a corporal, receiving \$60 annually;

a John Lincoln, living in N.H., in 1813, a private, receiving \$36 annually.

On p. 11 of Historic Spots in California: The Southern Counties, by H. E. and E. G.

Rensch (Stanford Univ. Press, 1932), is reference to a ferry that was crossing the Colo. River in 1849. One C. J. Coats

...  
sold the ferry to a Dr. G. W. Lincoln,  
reputed to have been a distant relative  
of Abraham Lincoln."

I find sketches of Lincoln and Mrs.  
L. in the book Presidents, Soldiers,  
Statesmen ... 1776-1896, vol. II, N. H.

Hardesty, Publr., N. Y., Toledo, &  
Chicago, 1896, copyright. '95. It includes  
a photo of L.

The above is sent for any value  
it may have to your researches.

Yours very truly,  
Theo. E. Merritt



October 25, 1939

Mr. Theo. E. Merritt  
1958 - 42nd Ave.  
Oakland, Calif.

Dear Mr. Merritt:

We appreciate indeed your calling our attention to the references to the various members of the Lincoln family who served in the Revolutionary War and also the western contacts of the family. These will be helpful to us indeed in further checking the Lincoln history.

Very truly yours,

LAW:PW  
L.A. Warren

Director



## THOMAS LINCOLN, THE COOPER

Lincoln Lore, of February 6, 1939, comments upon the ability of Thomas Lincoln, the carpenter and cabinet maker, and Dr. Warren is well within his bounds in so describing Thomas Lincoln. The known activities of Thomas Lincoln at Elizabethtown, Ky., and its environs makes a chapter of very interesting Lincoln history.

That Thomas Lincoln was an adept in the art of working in wood is beyond dispute, and there is plenty of evidence in documentary and traditional sources to prove the statement. However, there is a feature of his activities in woodcraft that might be chronicled a little stronger, and it is supported in tradition, viz: Thomas Lincoln was the only man Reuben Grigsby could find, or learn of, who could make a keg or barrel that would hold whiskey. For this reason he besought him to come to Indiana and make his cooperage for him.

Tradition from reliable sources gives an account of Reuben Grigsby making more than one trip to visit Thomas Lincoln before he could be persuaded to move to Indiana.

Every land deal for a farm in Kentucky had ended in disaster for Thomas Lincoln and when the advantages of original entry of tax free land in Indiana, plus employment at a trade in which he excelled was held up to him, he decided to risk the venture and he made the prospecting trip in the summer of 1816 to learn at first hand if these statements were true.

There were kinfolks of both the Lincoln and Hanks relationship living in the neighborhood of this Grigsby and he could call upon them for verification of both statements and conditions.

Therefore, the first trip in a boat of his construction which he sold to Thompsons, who operated the ferry at the mouth of Crooked creek, a mile below the mouth of Anderson creek.

This same copy of Lincoln Lore mentions a flatboat trip to New Orleans for Bleakley and Montgomery ten years before, and the records give his wages for the trip. Hence, he was not an entire stranger to boat building or operation.

And the records of this trip state that he left his carpenter tools with a man named Posey. This Posey was the owner of the land on the Indiana side of the ferry and the landing was on his farm. Hence, the very reasonable statement, supported by tradition, that he walked overland to the home of the Lincolns, living on Anderson creek, thence to the home of Joseph Hanks, living north of the site of the present Buffaloville, and then to the home of Reuben Grigsby.

More details of this trip would be of much interest to history students, but suffice to state that a few months later Thomas Lincoln is said to have brought his family to Indiana and he

## Members of Lincoln Clan Gather for First Reunion

The Lincoln Clan, descendants of Thomas Lincoln, the miller, held its first annual family reunion yesterday afternoon at Live Oak Park. More than 100 members of the family, from all over the Pacific Coast, gathered in the park. Several of them met each other for the first time.

Mrs. Caroline Lincoln of 919 Ordway St. was presented by Ray Wall Fisher, who officiated as master of ceremonies, as the oldest Lincoln present. She will be 94 years old in November.

Robert Lincoln of San Francisco spoke on the original of the name of Lincoln. He said that it was derived from the old English name, Lindum-colonia. Lindum meant swamp and colonia was the word for hill. As the Lincolns lived between the swamp and the hill they were given that name. Later the name was contracted to Lincoln.

Will S. Lincoln of Olympia, Wash., presented the history of the Lincoln family. He said that Abraham Lincoln descended from Samuel Lincoln whose family settled in Hingham, Mass. The family of Thomas Lincoln, the miller, moved from England to Taunton, Mass.

Heads of various families descending from Thomas Lincoln who spoke at the reunion were George Cook of Esparto, Mrs. Edward Lincoln of Napa, Mrs. George Lincoln and Mrs. Phoebe Lincoln Tyler of Calistoga, Robert Lincoln and Edward Lincoln of San Francisco, Harry Lincoln and Mrs. Bertha Lincoln Faber of Richmond, Leslie L. Rhodes of Pleasanton and George H. Rhodes of 3122 Shattuck Ave.

The committee in charge consisted of Mrs. Frisbie Nunn of 1092 Peralta Ave. and Mrs. Stanley Cordy of 1609 Sonoma Ave. They were thanked by the visitors for obtaining the use of beautiful Live Oak Park.

Robert Lincoln of San Francisco and Miss Alta Lincoln of Calistoga were named as a committee to make arrangements for next year's gathering of the clan, the place to be decided upon later.

*Boonville (Calif.) 2, etc.  
Jan. 73, 1940*

13  
518½ K Street, N.E.

Washington, D.C., June 1, 1941

Lincoln Nat. Life Foundation  
Lincoln Nat. Life Insurance Co.  
Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Gentlemen:

Some time ago I made a notation from some book that your company was engaged in research on the life and family, etc., of General Benjamin Lincoln, of the Revolutionary War, for whom the COUNTY OF LINCOLN, in KENTUCKY, was named.

Inasmuch as I am interested in the History of the County of Lincoln, Ky., am writing in hope you have some material,, bibliography, or other information along this line. Kindly advise me as to what you have, the price, etc.

Yours very truly

*Harry Willard Mills*  
Harry Willard Mills.

Inclosure--  
3c stamp.



Benjamin Lincoln

June 11, 1941

Mr. Harry W. Mills  
516½ K Street, N. E.  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Mills:

We have only published one bulletin which mentions the Benjamin Lincoln family and that now seems to be out of print. I do enclose a pamphlet which mentions this and gives you some idea of what we are doing in the geneological field with respect to the Lincoln family. Of course, we are more interested in other branches than the Benjamin Lincoln group. We have an excellent collection of Hingham history which would be of help to you if you would find it convenient to visit our foundation some time.

Regret that we have so little about the Benjamine branch. Try the Antiquarian Society at Worcester Massachusetts.

Yours truly,



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The Hartford Times  
July 26, 1941

8768---(8) May 3, 1941. LINCOLN. There were about a dozen of the name of Lincoln who settled early in Hingham, four of them were named Thomas, all from Hingham or Norwich or Swanton-Morley, Norfolk, Eng. All these Lincolns were probably related to Samuel Lincoln ancestor of the President, but the exact degree is not known.

Thomas Lincoln (the cooper) born in England; married there about 1630, Annis, daughter of William Lane. He settled in Hingham about 1635; died there September 28, 1691. His wife died February 14, 1682.

Benjamin (2) Lincoln born Hingham, Mass., May 7, 1643, married February 6, 1666-7 Sarah, daughter of John and Margaret Fearing; died September 27, 1700.

Thomas (3) Lincoln born December 12, 1674; married November 7, 1695, Rachel probably daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth Holmes of Rochester, Mass. He moved from Hingham to Harwich, Mass., about 1707.

Nathaniel Lincoln, born Hingham, July 6, 1704; married Hannah Asten and had sons Thomas and Nathaniel, who married and left issue. See History of Hingham, Mass. (1893) Vol. 3, p. 6.

E. A. L.

Jewell Family

James Samuel Jewell was son of John and a daughter & wife of John's



MRS. EDGAR LEE BELL

227 South Green Bay Road  
Highland Park, Illinois  
September 9, 1943.

Martha Brown  
Subscription Manager  
"Lincoln Lore"  
Lincoln National Life Foundation  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Being a great admirer of Abraham Lincoln, am sincerely interested in everything pertaining to him, and do appreciate the June, 1943 copies of "Lincoln Lore" that you sent to me.

Please be sure to put me on your mailing list for "Lincoln Lore," and send me the July, August, September, 1943 copies. Being on your mailing list, the rest will come to me as published. It is my desire to keep all of them and by the month, each year.

Lincoln and I are cousins in the second generation of the Jacob lineage - both the Lincolns and Jacob families came from Hingham, England. Nicholas Jacob immigrated to America, was a cousin of Thomas Lincoln, "The Weaver," brother of James Lincoln, from whom Abraham Lincoln descends in a direct line. It is stated Thomas Lincoln's mother was a sister of Nicholas Jacob's father.



My line Nicholas Jacob<sup>2</sup> Lincoln's line

Jacob<sup>1</sup>  
 Nicholas Jacob<sup>2</sup>  
 Mary Jacob, my 1<sup>st</sup> m.  
 Capt. Stephen Otis<sup>3</sup>  
 Hannah Esquire<sup>4</sup>  
 Hannah Otis<sup>5</sup> m.  
 John Richmond<sup>6</sup>  
 John Richmond<sup>7</sup> m.  
 Dighton Birch<sup>8</sup>  
 Hannah Richmond<sup>9</sup>  
 m. Sedon Richmond  
 son of in General  
 tinary Bat.  
 Rev. Edmund Richmond<sup>10</sup> m.  
 Ruth Leaning<sup>11</sup>  
 Ruth Louisa Richmond<sup>12</sup> m.  
 (my grandmother)  
 Chauncey Collins Balkley<sup>13</sup>  
 Ruth Louisa Balkley<sup>14</sup> m.  
 (my mother)  
 John W. Greer<sup>15</sup>  
 Clara May Greer<sup>16</sup> m.  
 (me) Edgar Lee Bell<sup>17</sup>  
 Dr. Richmond T. Bell<sup>18</sup>  
 (my son)

Edward Lincoln<sup>1</sup>  
 married<sup>2</sup>  
 Thomas Lincoln<sup>3</sup>  
 Samuel<sup>4</sup>  
 brother  
 Samuel Lincoln<sup>5</sup>  
 Jacob<sup>6</sup> (female)  
 Birmingham  
 Mass.  
 Mordecai Lincoln<sup>7</sup>  
 Mordecai Lincoln<sup>8</sup>  
 John Lincoln<sup>9</sup>  
 Abraham Lincoln<sup>10</sup>  
 Thomas Lincoln<sup>11</sup> m. Nancy Hank  
 Abraham Lincoln<sup>12</sup> President  
 of our United States of America.  
 Robert Todd Lincoln<sup>13</sup>

Dr. Bell's children<sup>14</sup>  
 (the 14th generation  
 of Jacobs)

You will note from above that I descend  
 from a Jacobs in 2<sup>nd</sup> generation and  
 so does Abraham Lincoln and we  
 are cousins in that generation of  
 the Jacobs lineage.

For a full sketch of the Jacobs Family  
 see New England Genealogical and His-  
 torical Register, Volume 42, page 101. I  
 think this set of books is in Ford Wayne Indiana  
 Public Library, Reference Section; it is in  
 Newbury Library, Chicago, State Historical



Library, Madison Wisconsin and is in  
 all of the large libraries of our country usually  
 in the Reference Section; it is a genealogi-  
 cal set and very good on family lineages.  
 The Jacob lineage is very good and in-  
 come coming from that stock on the  
maternal side is very significant; it is  
 said all children are 90% mother, a  
 Jacob on the maternal side, in second  
generation of Jacob family m. Edward  
 Lincoln and then up down to and in-  
 cluding Abraham Lincoln in a  
direct line as per sketch I have given  
 you with my authority for it (collateral  
 line is through Aunts and Uncles); Abraham  
 Lincoln's Jacob line is direct descent.

I was born and reared in Fort Wayne, Indiana  
 taught in the Public Schools there as  
 Miss Clara M. Greer, prior to marriage,  
 and am one of the Charter Members  
and Organizers of Mary Purse Wayne  
Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution,  
 also prior to marriage, transferred  
 to Elkhart Chapter, D. A. R. on marriage and  
 going to Elkhart; beginning to live and  
 was an Officer in Elkhart Chapter for  
 several years; resided in the same  
house by Elkhart, beginning (that we  
 owned at 920 North 24th Street) 30 years.  
Mary Purse Wayne Chapter, Daughters of  
the American Revolution, was named  
 to honor the wife of Gen. Samuel Wayne who  
 founded Fort Wayne, Indiana.  
 It was hereditary (sic) Abraham Lincoln to  
do and accomplish what he did. He had the hereditary  
urge; he did not know where it came from  
but he felt he could do and did.



my brother, <sup>Charles</sup> E. Greer of Fort Wayne, Indiana, was instantly killed in an automobile accident June 3, 1925. You will find a page about it with big headline in the Fort Wayne Journal - Gazette,

Thursday morning, June 4, 1925. He was Vice President and General Manager of the Wayne Hardware Company, Fort Wayne, Indiana. He holds a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Mason. A Mystic Striker. His name is engraved on a plaque forming cup in the Chamber of Commerce, Fort Wayne, Indiana, Burns Building a Membership Drive.

He was a Deacon in the North Side Trinity Methodist Church Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Like Abraham Lincoln <sup>and myself</sup>, he was also a Jacob descendant.

Sincerely

Clara Greer Bell  
(Mrs. Edgar Lee Bell)  
Genealogist.

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Thomas M. Miller

FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY  
SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD

BUREAU OF OLD-AGE AND  
SURVIVORS INSURANCE

IN REPLYING, ADDRESS: SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD  
FIELD OFFICE

17 P.O. Bldg.  
Calumet, Mich.  
June 6, 1944

Louis W. Warren, Director  
Lincoln Natl. Life Foundation  
St. Wayne, Indiana

Dear Dr. Warren -

In reviewing the things undone I find  
that I have not acknowledged receipt of the pamphlets  
you sent me.

My branch of the Lincoln family is the  
one descended from Thomas, the Miller, who moved  
from Hingham, Mass. to Taunton, Mass. Have you  
ever issued any pamphlet on that branch, and do you  
have any data on how Thomas, the Miller, tied up with  
Abraham Lincoln's line?

I am looking forward to the time when  
gas rationing, or the lack of it, will allow me to visit the  
Foundation.

Thank you for the pamphlets -

Very truly yours -

Newton C. Lincoln

Assistant



January 7, 1944

My dear Mr. Lincoln:

Many years ago I had correspondence with Mr. W. S. Lincoln who was then Assistant to the State Treasurer of the State of Washington and I believe if you would address him at Olympia, Washington you might learn something about the family of Thomas Lincoln, the weaver as he has done considerable work on that line.

Apparently, Thomas Lincoln, the miller, was born in 1603. His second wife was Elizabeth Street. Apparently they moved to Taunton where Thomas died in 1683. The names of their children were Thomas, John, Samuel, Mary and Sarah.

I hope you are successful in contacting Mr. W. S. Lincoln at Olympia.

Very truly yours,

LAW:CRS  
L.A. Warren

Director



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

FIRST DISTRICT COURT OF BRISTOL

TAUNTON, MASSACHUSETTS

JOHN E. WELCH, JUDGE  
CHARLES H. LINCOLN, CLERK

Dec. 7, 1949.

Dr. Louis A. Warren, Director,  
Lincoln National Life Federation,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Doctor Warren;

For some time I have been working on the genealogy of the descendents of Thomas Lincoln "the Miller" who came to Taunton in 1649 and at the suggestion of your friend, Mr. Stefan Lorant of Lennox, Mass. I am writing to you as I understand that you are an authority on Lincoln genealogy.

Could you tell me if there is any actual documentary evidence that gives the date and whereabouts of the death of Abraham Lincoln, the supposed grandfather of the president and what documentary evidence exists to prove that Mordecai and Josiah were brothers of Thomas Lincoln, the President's father?

I am familiar with the generally accepted theory that the President was a decendent of Samuel Lincoln but the deeper I get into the matter I am more convinced that his ancestor was Thomas Lincoln, "the Miller".

It seems difficult for me to believe that Abraham Lincoln, supposed grandfather of the President, who was a well to do man, should sell his estate for \$17,000, then a small fortune, to move into the wilderness without making provisions for all his children. I note in our old Lincoln wills here that each child has been mentioned. It is strange that Thomas was entirely overlooked in inheriting his father's property, and that the President never knew Mordicai who lived in La Harpe, Hancock County, Ill., where some of our Lincolns from Taunton settled.

I would appreciate any information or references you could give me.

Sincerely,

CHL/EL

*Charles H. Lincoln*

December 14, 1949

Mr. Charles W. Lincoln, Clerk  
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
First District Court of Bristol  
Taunton, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Lincoln:

I am very happy to enclose, or perhaps send under separate cover some little statements which I have written from time to time about the Lincolns and I believe you would like to have them. I think they answer most of the questions you put forth in your letter of December 7.

We will be pleased to place your name on our mailing list for Lincoln Lore if you would like to have it inasmuch as it is sent without charge to those interested in Abraham Lincoln.

Very truly yours,

LAW/DPB  
L. A. Warren

Director

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Mar 20-50

Dear Sir:- I have a family record  
made in 1798.

Lucy Lincoln who was born in  
1756- Married to Simon Rich  
in 1776.

All the names and dates are  
very plain. The top is slightly  
repaired - enough to keep it from  
being destroyed.

Is there any book up that  
would connect it to Abi Lincoln  
who was born in 1809.

This Rich. died in 1805. By all  
accounts she survived the record.

Card enclosed for reply.  
This Record is hand drawn. Births  
and deaths recorded in circles.

Their names, births and Marriages  
are recorded in a big drawn heart at the  
top.

Yours.

J. Warner

Box 424

Lockport, N.Y.

If this record is not of value I will  
return it to the one who gave it to  
me to sell. I have full authority to  
sell and give away it.

Lucy Lincoln P.

March 21, 1950

Mr. J. Marker  
Box 424  
Lockport, New York

Dear Sir:

The official genealogy of the Lincoln family does not show that the Simion Rich, which you mention, born in 1776, was related in any way to the ancestors of Abraham Lincoln, so I think he must have been a descendant of some of the other Lincolns who came to Massachusetts about the same time as Abraham Lincoln's forebears.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB

Director

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402 SHELBY STREET  
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

August 16, 1950.

Dear Mr. Warren,

Miss Kinhead, of the Filson Club in Louisville gave me your name as one who might be interested in purchasing an autograph of Abraham Lincoln's.

The signature is on a fly-leaf of an old book (Vol. 1, of Cooper's Lionel Lincoln, published in Philadelphia in 1832), and to all appearances follows all the characteristics of his earlier (and some of his later signatures). His early ones, even as yours and mine were more carefully written than the last ones.

The signature is being photographed, and on request I'll send a print. I have had the book for fifteen or twenty years, having bought it among a lot from an aged neighbor. But because it was only one of the set of two, I was on the point of tossing it out when I saw the signature. Previously the fly-leaf had stuck to the back, and I had not seen the handwriting.

I enclose a stamp for reply.

If need be, of course I'd be willing to send the book itself for inspection.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Bertha Scott.



August 25, 1950

Miss Bertha Scott  
402 Shelby Street  
Frankfort, Kentucky

My dear Madam:

It appears to me that the Lionel Lincoln by Cooper bearing the signature of an Abraham Lincoln probably was in possession of one of the New England Lincolns as there was a large colony of them and many Abraham Lincolns among them.

Of course if you care to forward it for our observation we will be happy to look it over although of course it should be sent insured and we will return it in the same way.

Very truly yours,

IAW:ABA  
L.A. Warren

Director

15 Court St.

Taunton, Mass.

March 3, 1951

Dear Dr. Warren:

I want to thank you for referring Mr. C. P. Stevens of Escalon, Calif. to me. It appears as tho we have something in common.

The Stevens and Lincoln families were very closely related in the old days.

You may recall that I have been checking on our Abraham Lincolns of Taunton. They were closely related to the Stevens and Hoskins families of Taunton.

I recieved a letter last week from a lady in Calif. who is working on the Hoskins Line. She knew her family away back were neighbors of Abraham Lincoln - the grandfather of the President. I note that in Dr. Barton's book on page 286. a Hugh Hoskins and on page 285 a John Springer. These Springers were also married into



our Taunton Lincolns. These Taunton Lincolns lived in La Harpe, Ill.

I am spending more time and money looking up this branch of the Lincoln family than perhaps I will ever get back.

I wish some one would interest LeRoy Lincoln, of the Metropolitan Life Ins. Co. to assist me in this research. I know he is interested in Lincolns but I dislike to approach him. Do you suppose that a letter from the Lincoln Foundation stating that they had but little information on the Miller line might create some interest on his part. I know his father and my uncle Jim spent considerable time in research on this branch and on page 13, in Dr. Barton's book, it was my uncle who wrote up the piece for the old Taunton News. My uncle always believed that there was a mix up on these Abrahams but he never could prove it.

I trust you are in good health.

Again Thanks.

P.S. I refer to "The Lineage of Lincolns" by Barton.

Sincerely  
Charles H. Lincoln



March 13, 1951

Mr. Charles H. Lincoln  
15 Court Street  
Taunton, Mass.

Dear Mr. Lincoln:

Due to the fact that Dr. Warren is out of the city on his annual speaking itinerary, I take the liberty of acknowledging receipt of your letter.

Dr. Warren is now concluding his two month trip and will return to the office shortly at which time I will bring your letter to his attention.

Very truly yours,

Margaret Moellering  
Secretary to Dr. Warren

m/m

*Lincoln Papers*

April 2, 1951

Mr. Charles H. Lincoln  
15 Court Street  
Taunton, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Lincoln:

Just back from a long itinerary I find your letter of March 3 and hasten to answer it.

I have known of Le Roy Lincoln's ancestral background and if the occasion presents itself I will do the best I can to stimulate his interest.

I think you would do well to write Mr. W. S. Lincoln who is the former assistant state treasurer for the state of Washington. He may be addressed at Olympia. Also Newton E. Lincoln of 17 Post Office Building, Kalamazoo, Michigan, a decendent of the Taunton family.

I am also enclosing a photostat of a clipping that might be of interest to you.

Of your best contact if you have not already used it is the volume on Cognate family in manuscript form gathered by Waldo Lincoln. It is preserved in the Antiquarian Society in Worcester, Massachusetts. It is as far as I know probably your best source material.

Very truly yours,

Director

LAW:JK  
L. A. Warren



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

FIRST DISTRICT COURT OF BRISTOL

TAUNTON, MASSACHUSETTS

JOHN E. WELCH, JUDGE  
CHARLES H. LINCOLN, CLERK

Apr. 11, 1951.

Dr. Louis A. Warren, Director,  
Lincoln National Life Foundation  
Fort Wayne, Indiana..

Dear Dr. Warren:

Thanks for the Photostat of the Lincoln reunion. I will contact Mr. Stevens who in turn can check the name and addresses of the California Lincolns.

Mr. W. S. Lincoln passed away July 1, 1951. He sent me his book before he died. He never did connect the Taunton line beyond Joshua. He is from the same line as LeRoy and myself, that is Thomas 1-2-3. Thomas -4- was the common ancestor of LeRoy and W. S. Lincoln.

I am in contact with Newton Lincoln. His cousin Ruth is my assistant.

I still believe that the discrepancies in the story on the President's grandfather is due to the fact that there was two Abraham Lincolns. The poor one was from Taunton, who I believe was the father of Thos. and the well-to-do Capt. was the father of Mordecaie and Josiah. I am still at work on it.

With best personal regards, I am,

*Charles H. Lincoln*



FIRST DISTRICT COURT  
OF BRISTOL  
TAUNTON, MASS.

July 26, 1951

Dr. Louis A. Warren  
Director  
Lincoln Nat. Life Found.

Dear Doctor Warren:

I am enclosing a picture of the Thomas Lincoln homestead located at 171 Shores St. Taunton. This was built in 1650-51 by Thos. Lincoln<sup>2</sup> Jr. son of Thomas the miller. It is perhaps the oldest Lincoln homestead in the country. Of course but very few of the original timbers remain. I remember when I was a boy seeing a couple of planks put on the beam with great wooden pegs. This house has been in the family now just 300 years. I was the last Lincoln to be born there.

Thomas<sup>3</sup> was born here but later moved across the Three Mile River in the present "Westville" location. This Thomas had a mill in the "Oakland" section but perceiving better business opportunities at

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the present "Westville location, one mid winter week, while the ice was frozen hard on the Three Mile River, he had the entire outfit removed there.

I am still on the trail of our Abraham Lincoln<sup>?</sup> who went away from here in 1780-81 and who I believe was the grandfather of the President and who was slain by Indians in 1784 in what was Kentucky.

When the President in his letter said that his great grandfather was a Quaker he was correct for this Abraham<sup>6</sup> is buried in a Quaker cemetery in Rhode Island and when he said his grandfather was slain in 1784 he was also correct for no other Abraham Lincoln was slain that year but one Abraham.

I believe that Josiah and Mordecai were not brothers of Thomas. They were too old to be his brothers if as Dr. Bartus claims, the grandfather had but one wife.

I have the names of at least four women who are supposed to have been his grandmothers.

I am also working on the Hockins



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family. You will recall that Abraham<sup>6</sup> married a Lydia Hoskins.

Can you tell me who the Abraham Lincoln was, that married Eleanor Borden, Jan. 30, 1781 at Charles Co. Maryland. by John M. Pherson, Pastor?

This may have been our young Abraham Lincoln?

I want to thank you again for suggesting to Mr. Stevens, of Calif. that he contact me. He is an expert in digging up data etc. He has helped me in finding records as we have no out of state records in Taunton.

I hope you are in good health, and trust you have a nice summer.

Sincerely,  
Charles H. Lincoln



MR. AND MRS. CHARLES J. HOYE  
483 Bay Street  
Taunton, Massachusetts

*up  
Sturges Church  
171 St. St.  
Hawthorn House  
300 yds. St.  
Sent by Charles J. Hoyer*







THE LINCOLN HOUSE IN TAUNTON

The Taunton Lincoln family tradition concerning Lincoln's grandfather, Abraham, runs like this: Just before the breaking out of the War of the Revolution, young Abraham had a warm discussion with a royalist neighbor in regard to the political duties of a true son of New England, favoring warmly the idea of independence. Words became hotter as the talk continued, and finally young Abe struck his antagonist. This little affair soon reached the ears of his father, and he, disapproving of such conduct, at once proceeded to give his hot-headed heir an "old-fashioned dressing down." When breakfast was ready the next morning, there was no son to hear the accustomed grace or eat the Johnny-cake. Not until many years after did word come to Taunton that the absent sire of an eventual President had been in Pennsylvania, and gone to Virginia. Somewhere about 1880, it became known that he was eventually killed by an Indian in Kentucky, leaving three sons, one of whom is believed to have been the father of the now universally loved Abraham Lincoln. Near relatives of the Taunton Abraham have lived in Pennsylvania for many years, others in Indiana and Illinois, some of whom served in the Civil War. It is interesting to know that the Lincoln Historical Genealogical Association is one of if not the most active bodies of that kind in the United States, and in their hands the true history of their greatest ancestor is sure to receive its fullest care.

August 9, 1951

Mr. Charles H. Lincoln  
First District Court of Bristol  
Taunton, Mass.

My dear Mr. Lincoln:

Thank you very much for the interesting picture which you forwarded, and we are happy to have it for our collection.

While I would not want to say anything that would dampen your enthusiasm, I believe that the lineage of Abraham Lincoln traced through John, Mordecai, Mordecai, Sr., and Samuel is so well fortified by documents that your time would be wasted in putting forth an effort such as you suggest in your letter.

There can be no question but that the Abraham Lincoln who was in Virginia as early as 1768 is the Grandfather of the President.

Very truly yours,

LAW:BB

Director



12  
WALTER GOULD LINCOLN.  
LAWYER

SUITE 1113 LINCOLN BUILDING  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
TUCKER 8434

3137 Vineland Ave, Baldwin Park

My dear Dr. Warren.

In your number 1372 Lincoln Lore, you suggest  
you have been unable to trace more than six lines  
of descent of Thmoas Lincoln, the husbandman.  
I understand that in the will of Samuel Lincoln,  
he makes a bequest to his cousin, Thomas Lincoln,  
the huabandman.

12!  
Anyway - here are ten generations from Thomas.

I can give you dates of marriages, births and deaths -  
if it is of any interest - but as its only my ancerty-  
it won't be of general interest.

Cordially ( I got in too much of a hurry )



August 24 1955

COPY

Descendents of Thomas Lincoln, the husbandman, of Hingham

Caleb, born May 3 1645; married Mary Bates, daughter of James and  
Ruth ( Lyford ) Bates. As his second wife -  
Hannah Jackson

Luke ; born March 2 1695 ; married Mrs. Elizabetn ( Allyne ) ( for  
merly Otis, daughter of James and Mary Otis.  
As his second wife, Lydia Loring, daughter  
of David and Elizabeth Loring

Mark ; born August 19 or 20 1732, in Scituate; married Mary Carter  
of Lancaster; as his second wife, Elizabeth  
Moore of Paxton, widow of Major Willard  
Moore, who was killed at Bunker Hill.

Abel ; born March 23 1769, in Leominster. Married Mary ( Mrs Polly )  
Marshall at Fitchburg

Abel ; born in Fitchburg Jan ? 1793  
Married Phebe Griffin

Varnum ; born in Chelmsford Sept 25 1819; married Emmeline Sprague

Edwin Hale ; born in Westminster January 2 1848; Married Frances Gould

Walter Gould ; born in Stoughton July 18 1874 Married Edith Allen

Allen Lincoln ; born in Baldwin Park, California; Married Kathleen  
Mc Cullough in Ontario, Canada

Patricia ; born in Baldwin Park, Calif

September 1, 1955

Mr. Walter Gould Lincoln  
3137 Vineland Avenue  
Baldwin Park, California

My dear Mr. Lincoln:

We are happy indeed to have the geneological list which you sent because we often have inquiries from descendants from other branches of the Lincoln family, so we will attach the slip you sent to our information about the descendants of Thomas Lincoln, the husbandman.

Very truly yours,

LAW/JR

Director



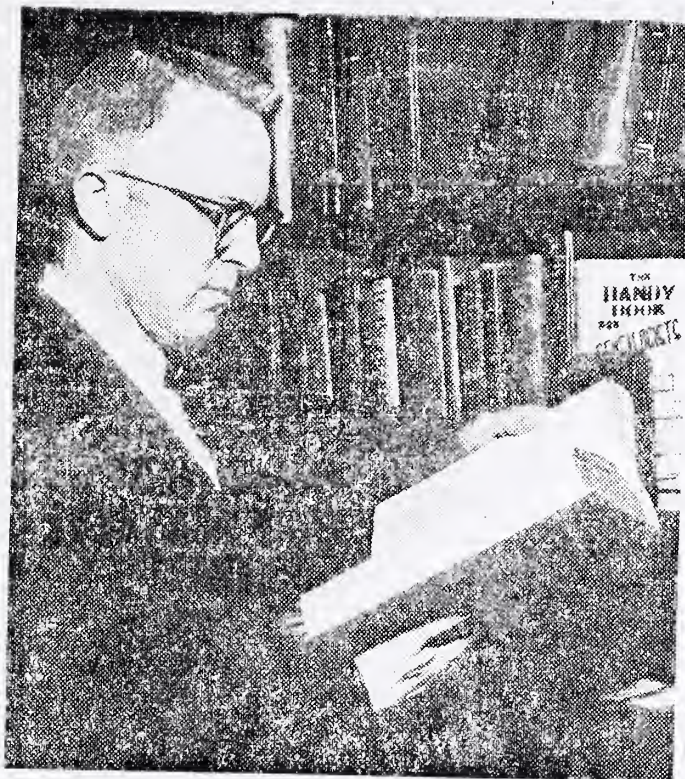
The Davenport lawyer said his grandmother, who was interested in the Lincoln genealogy had started an informal check several years ago, but died before she had it completed.

"Either way," the attorney added, "I'll have an answer when somebody says, 'Oh, are you related to Abe Lincoln?'"

Meanwhile, Davenport's observance of Lincoln's birthday anniversary will consist of the closing of the city hall and courthouse and the banks in Scott county Monday.

No other special observance is planned. Stores will be open and plants and other businesses will operate as usual.

Davenport's Lincoln School and Lincoln School in Bettendorf have no plans for observance of the birthday anniversary of the famous president after whom their buildings were named.



LINCOLN STUDIES LINCOLN — Atty. Harold Lincoln of Davenport is pictured in the Davenport Public Library as he undertook a search of records to determine if his family's history is associated with that of the famous president, whose 147th birthday anniversary will be observed Sunday. (Staff Photo)

THE DAILY TIMES

**GREEN STREAK**

DAVENPORT, IOWA, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1956



# Attorney T Link To Li

By HILLIS JOHNSON  
Times Staff Writer

A Davenport lawyer, named Lincoln, undertook today to trace his relationship to determine if his family "tree" has any "branches" in common with that of the famous Civil War president, Abraham Lincoln.

The nation Sunday will observe the 147th birthday anniversary of the martyred president.

Although Lincoln's story is familiar to all, less is known of what has happened to his descendants. He had four children, all sons, and there is a possibility that Harold Lincoln, 33-year-old Davenport lawyer, may be able to trace his family's history back to the famous president.

"People have been asking me, both seriously and in fun, for years if I'm related to Abe, and soon I hope to be able to answer the question with a definite 'yes' or 'no,'" the Davenport lawyer said today as he started to trace records in the Davenport Public Library.

## NATIVE OF DE WITT

A native of DeWitt, the Davenport Lincoln is a practicing attorney, associated with the law firm of Betty, Betty, Neuman, Heninger & Van Der Kamp. He resides at 2839 Washington Lane.

He explained that for the last five years, he has been seriously considering tracing his genealogy. "Until now, I have never felt that I had the time and money to devote to doing the job as it ought to be done," he added.

Lincoln said he plans to start the task himself, getting the preliminary work out of the way, and then turn it over to a professional.

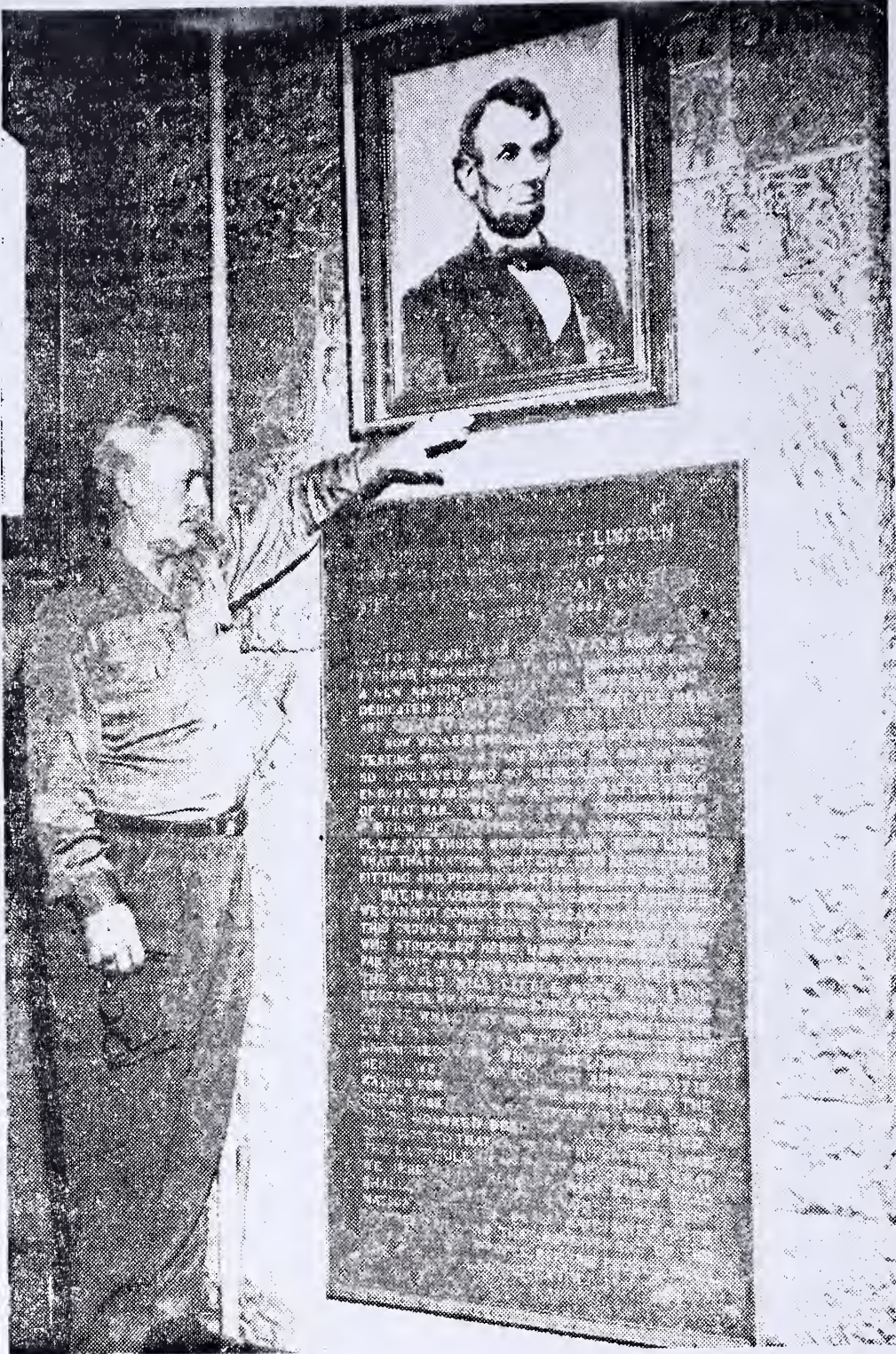
After gathering all of the information available in this area, he plans to visit a family in New York to continue his search. These people are relatives, he explained, and have already undertaken research on the subject.

It is not too difficult, Lincoln said, to trace children, grandchildren, great and great-great grandchildren of so-famous a man.

"The main part of my Lincoln ancestry seems to stem from New York," Lincoln said.

## DESCENDANTS IN EAST

There is evidence, however, that descendants of Abraham Lin-



**LINCOLN PLAQUE AT ARSENAL —** Though official records to verify the fact are missing, this bronze plaque setting forth Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg address, is possibly a duplicate of one at Gettysburg, Pa., according to Carl Stoelting, Bettendorf, former curator at the Rock Island Arsenal Mu-

seum. Stoelting recalls that this plaque, now in the museum, was cast in the arsenal foundry about 1933, and that a second plaque was supposed to have been cast for Gettysburg. The museum's present curator, T. R. Walker, is shown in the photograph. (Staff Photo)

coln had lived in the eastern part of the country.





COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

# First District Court of Bristol

JOHN E. WELCH, JUSTICE

GORDON M. OWEN  
SPECIAL JUSTICE

Taunton, Mass.

CHARLES H. LINCOLN  
CLERK

Feb. 15, 1956

Dear Doctor Warren:

Thank you for remembering that I am still working on the Lincolns. Mrs. Westmark of Portland recently sent me some data relating to a George Lincoln who may have been one of our Taunton Lincolns. Recently I picked up a book published by you. It is very good and I refer to it along with the books on Lincoln by Barton, Lea & Hutchinson, Sandburg and others.

Was watching the Television show of The Wide Wide World last Sunday. It showed a locomotive named William Mason drawing President Lincoln's funeral train back from Washington.

I wonder how many people of the millions who watched the program noticed the name William Mason. This locomotive was built right here in Taunton by William Mason in 1853. Mr. Mason's



farm was next to our old Lincolu home. My father worked on this farm a good many years.

I would still like to hear from some historian as to who the Abraham Lincolu was who was married Jan. 31. 1781 at Charles Co. Md. and why no investigation has been made along these lines.

As a result of your correspondence with me I have contacted Mr. Richard Mudd who has been a great help to me. Also Rev. Fr. Kenny who speaks very highly of you. He is now 92 and is still very much interested in Lincolu ancestry.

Thru Fr. Kenny I found a Fr. Bouscaren S. J. who is the procurator of the Jesuit in Rome. He is one of the Taunton Lincolns. His great grandfather was my grand uncle. By the way each Feb. 12th. Fr. Bouscaren offers up his Mass. for the repose of the soul of the President.

I am sure that you too will be remembered.

Sincerely  
Charles H. Lincolu

February 20, 1956

Mr. Charles H. Lincoln  
15 Court Street  
Taunton, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Lincoln:

I wish to acknowledge your letter addressed to Dr. Warren and advise you that he is at present out of the office concluding his annual two months' speaking itinerary.

Upon his return I will bring your letter to his attention.

Sincerely yours.

(Miss) Margaret Moellering  
Secretary to Dr. Warren

m/m

W. S. Lincoln  
1802 Capitol Way  
Olympia, Washington

Chart tracing our descent from Thomas Lincoln the Miller.

- (1) Thomas Lincoln, the Miller, born in England about 1603,  
came to N. E. 1635, settled Hingham, Mass. 1636.

	John	(2)	Thomas II,	Samuel	Sarah	Mary
Mary	Sarah	(3)	Thomas III, (died young) 1656	Samuel Mercy	Jonah Hannah	Constant Experience
Thomas	IV ?	(4)	Nathaniel (1684)	Jonathan ?	Possibly other children	
	(5)	Nathaniel II, (1725) moved to Rehoboth, to New Baintree, to Petersham.)		Icabod, Alice, Mary, Martha, Constant, Suzannah.		
	Nathaniel III,		Sophia,	Rachel		
	(6) Stephen		Lemuel	Loyed		
	<del>Died</del> Dec. 3, 1751.					
	(7) Abner		Hannah	Lydia, Lucy, Elizabeth, Levi, Stephen		
	February 11, 1780			Sarah Justus, Mary Louisa		
Almira	(8)	Alonzo	James Smith, Emory, Maria Denny, Abner, Nov. 3, 1810	Martha Gray, Julia Ann, Emeline, Horatio Bardwell.		
	(9)	Horace Wakefield March 7, 1838		Frederic Allen		
	Eugene Augustus,	Stephen Hopkins,	Maria Louise			
	Morton Field,	Florinda Elizabeth.				



March 8, 1956

Mr. Charles H. Lincoln  
15 Court Street  
Taunton, Mass.

My dear Mr. Lincoln:

Just back at my desk I find your letter of February 15  
and we are pleased indeed to have the information which it contains.

I am still in the dark as to who the Abraham Lincoln was  
who was married January 31, 1781 at Charles County, Maryland. I have  
done considerable research work in Maryland but cannot think of any  
cognate families that may have moved into there from the New England  
Lincolns. We will be very much interested indeed to learn something  
about this Maryland Lincoln if you are able to discover who he may  
have been.

Very truly yours,

LAW:WC

Director

CHARLES H. LINCOLN  
15 COURT STREET  
TAUNTON, MASSACHUSETTS

March 15, 1956

Dr. Louis A. Warren, Director  
The Lincoln Nat. Life Foundation  
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Dr. Warren;

Regarding the Abraham Lincoln who was married at Charles County Md. on Jan. 31st. 1781 to be honest I don't know who he was but as no suggestions are in order I will assume he was our Abraham Lincoln Jr. of Taunton who left these parts to go to what was then known as Virginia.

The name of the bride is given as Borden and I started to check the Borden families when after a study of the writing it appeared to be that of Bowen. Dr. Richard Mudd thought it to be Bowen too. I have put about a year into Bowen and have found three or four Eleanor Bowens married into families including Lincolns but none of these could fit the Eleanor who married Abe Lincoln.

I have too little time and not enough funds to work as perhaps this undertaking will take. However I have found deeds etc. which will prove that we did have the two Lincolns named Abe.

You have spent a great deal of time in Kentucky and I wonder if you ever suspected that there could have been another Abe Lincoln there about 1784. You will recall that at least six sites have been sponsored by historians as the location of the death of the Capt. Abraham Lincoln.

The statement of Bland W. Ballard relative to the station erected by Morgan Hughes has always interested me as well as the footnote of Col. Darrett.

Prior to the British Blockade many ships sailed to Baltimore from local ports. But very few managed to get thru the British blockade until the fall of 1780 when the hurricane wrecked in part the British ships and those which escaped the storm sailed to New York. But I am inclined to believe an old tradition held in a Lincoln Family who reside in the town of Seekonk, Mass. They live on Lincoln St. They claim the family of Thomas Lincoln of Taunton with the neighbors drove supplies to the armies in the south by way of Winsor Conn. This is born out for their ancestor Zephania Lincoln moved to Woodstock, Conn.

There is listed a John Lincoln, a Revolutionary soldier as serving from Maryland. I have an idea that he was the John Lincoln who was defaulted here in a civil suit and departed from these parts.

Another Lincoln who was supposed to be related to the President was a Nancy Lincoln who went to Ohio with her husband Abraham Deaver, from Frederick County Md. They founded Deavertown formerly called New Market. Nancy is buried there. She was born 1750.



. . . Another Lincoln is one Joseph Lincoln a Major ,born in Mass. 1760 died 1823. Marietta,Ohio.

Dr. Barton says that the only two statements made by the President which were incorrect were that this grand father's folks were Quakers and that the date of the death of his grandfather was May 23,1784.I think it rather odd that these two statements applied to the Taunton Lincoln.

This Abraham Lincoln family of Taunton were neighbors of my own branch. These Lincolns were millers who had grist mills and saw mills.The site of the present Reed & Barton Silver Mfg. Co. was at one time occupied by the Abraham Lincoln who was a Quaker.They held meetings in the mill.This Reed & Barton Co. is now owned by Sinclair Weeks,Sec. of Commerce of the U.S. I doubt if he ever heard of these Lincolns altho it was his Vice President who told me about it years ago when I was not interested.

Now where did the President get the Ideas about these two statements?I don't remember ever reading about any positive Statements he did make.He had been told or hehad learned or it was said.My cousin in CincinnatiTimothy Lincoln said Abe Never did Know and cared less about his folks untill he went into big politics.Tim Lincoln often dicussed the possible relationship with Abe But nothing was ever written down.

I think I told you that Rev. Isaac Backus learned of the death of our Abe while he was organizing the Baptist Churches in Virginia and Kentucky in 1793.As he traveledand heard of any Taunton or vicinity people; he jotted down the notation and the ap.date of the event.Our Abe was found dead,"While on the road." No place given.The last entry was May 23. and1784 is thought to be the year.But this was a copy of the Original Diary which I cannot locate.

Harvey Smith in hisBook quotes people who were supposed to know the Lincolns.One said that Thomas looked nothing like his mother or the Captainand did not belong to any church and seemed proud of it.

Another said that the Lincolns came to Hardin Cty. with the Catholics from Maryland altho the Lincolns were not of that faith.

It is strange that not one Lincoln whowas supposed to be related to the president attended his funeral and no one ever heard the President speak of his grandmother yet he lived within a few miles of herand She lived to be a great age.

The locomotive that drew the Presidents funeral train back to Springfield was made here in Taunton.It was built by and named William Mason. Mr. Mason's farm was next to the Lincoln Homestead.

I wished I had more time to work on this.Have had all kinds of inquiries.

Sincerely

Charles H. Lincoln



## Asa Lincoln, Jr.

Dr. Asa Lincoln was born in Taunton, Mass. June 29, 1782. He was the oldest of nine children, all of whom lived to be over seventy years of age. His father's name was Asa and there were nine also in that family, all of whom lived until the youngest was about seventy.

The family still hold the homestead in Taunton, Mass. which was built by Thomas Lincoln, Jr. in 1650. Nine generations of Lincolns have been born there. Asa's mother was Polly Morris, daughter of Capt. Jonathan Morris of Woodstock, Conn.

Asa received only such opportunities of early education as the schools in Taunton offered, except to recite Latin to Marcus Morton, who was at that time a young lawyer in Taunton. The fact of his hearing the recitations of young men in Latin shows either that the ability of the future Judge and Governor was not appreciated, or that the town afforded but little business in law at that date; and it is perhaps worthy of note, as showing the customs of the time, that young Lincoln used to carry on his back a quarter of mutton to pay in part his tuition. Few young men of our day would feel that they could lug a leg of mutton, to pay tuition. Few professors would receive in payment such coin for his services.

Asa was anxious to study law but his father had chosen medicine as the profession his son was to follow, and accordingly sent him when about twenty years of age to Sturbridge where he commenced his studies with Doctor Corey. He remained with Corey two years teaching during the winter time when he went to Brookfield and completed his study of medicine with Doctor Fabbitt.

Lincoln went to Brimfield to commence his practice about 1804 and in 1809. September 4, married Sarah E. Danielson, daughter of Gen. Timothy Danielson, by whom he had ten children all of whom grew up to man and womanhood. His wife died Aug. 10, 1830 at the age of forty and he remained a widower till his death. It is believed by his family that he never entertained any intention of a second marriage. Such was the respect he had for the memory of his wife, that during his life he abstained from all labor on the anniversary of his death, uniformly visiting her grave on that day.

Soon after Dr. Lincoln commenced his practice, the town was visited with a terrible scourge called the spotted fever, which baffled the skill of the physicians, far and near, and perhaps this fact more than any other led him to commence a practice entirely different from the one in general use at that time, and whether good or bad, was certainly more in keeping with the practice of the better physicians of our day. The old system may be told in a few words; first bleed, then give all the medicine the patient could be made to swallow, then bleed, and if the patient lived thru this, his constitution was proof against the skill of physicians. What made a decided impression on Lincoln's mind in connection with the fever, was the fact that but three or four of all the parties attacked recovered, and one of these was attended by an old negro, for whom the family had sent to Northampton and with whom the physicians were not willing to share the honor of killing or curing; and one other, a negro, whose brother lived with the Lincolns, and who was taken sick at his home. When the doctors found that the negro was sick they called on Lincoln to enter upon a system of experiments to be tried on the patient, and he replied, "No, gentlemen, you have used your



best skill on your patients, and they have all died; I am determined that if the negro has constitution enough to carry him thru, he shall live; you certainly are not to have the privilege of killing him." The "constitution" triumphed, and the doctor who put it to test, altho he continued his practice till a few months previous to his death, had less and less faith in the efficacy of medicine.

Early in life Lincoln received a commission of justice of the peace, and perhaps no man in that part of the state had more justice trials brought before him than he did. And it is worthy of note, as showing how true was the early bent of his mind as to the profession he should have taken, that in appeals of nearly forty cases from his decisions on points of law, the higher court sustained him in each of the decisions on which the appeal was made.

In politics he was from the first a Democrat, never voting for any but the democratic candidate for president except for Van Buren in 1848. Commencing his practice with limited means; when property qualification was necessary to entitle a man to vote, he was required to marshall his assets, including horse, gig, and books of account, in order to secure the privilege of voting. The democratic vote of the town was 11 in 1804 and 75 in 1836 while the vote of the opposite party was 120 in the former and 175 for the latter. It is said that the town was never represented by a Democrat in the House of Representatives. While doctor Lincoln was prominent in local affairs, often being called to preside over the meetings of the town, and frequently chosen to fill the more important town offices, his identification with the minority party in state affairs debarred him from offices he was well qualified to fill. He was, however, elected to the State Senate of 1840 serving on the Committee to revise the valuation of the State. He was re-elected to the Senate of 1843. The degree of Doctor of Medicine was conferred on him by the Berkshire Medical Institute, the same year. He died July 7, 1854 age seventy-two.

Children:

Charles D., Mary D., Timothy D., Frederick D., Sarah D., Francis D., James D., William D., Charlotte D., Elizabeth D.

## Timothy D. Lincoln

Timothy D. Lincoln, born May 11, 1815 at Brimfield, Mass. fitted for College at the town schools, and attended Wilbraham Academy two terms entered Wesleyan University, junior class in English and scientific course in 1834, graduated in 1836, teaching the two winters while in college, and the winter after graduating at Weymouth, Mass. and afterwards at Hingham; then as principle of high school in New Bedford, Mass.

Lincoln commenced the study of law with the Hon. Charles H. (afterwards Judge) Warren with whom he continued two years and five months, teaching during the time when he was admitted to the bar in 1840 at New Bedford. He was a partner in practice with John H. W. Page, Esq. for one year, when he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, entering the office of Charles Fox, Esq. for one year, as the laws of the State required a year's residence before admission to the bar. He was admitted to the bar at Zanesville, Ohio, Oct. 1842. June 1, 1843 he became a partner with Mr. Fox, with whom he remained until Jan. 1846, when he commenced alone and continued until 1855, when the firm of Lincoln, Smith & Warnock was formed. Mr. Lincoln practiced extensively in the United States Circuit Court in the States of Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia and western Pennsylvania, and after 1849 spent a part of each winter before the Supreme Court at Washington. In 1857 he was selected by the Chamber of Commerce of St. Louis to represent the river as opposed to the railroad interest arising on the question of bridging the Mississippi River. He was opposed to Abraham Lincoln in 1857, in the Rock Island bridge case, tried before Judge McLean at Chicago.

Timothy married Aug. 13, 1845, Mary Seymour Clarke, daughter of Major Nathan Clarke of the United States Army, by whom he had eleven children. He died April 1, 1890.

Children: Sarah, Francis, Mary, Helen, Charlotte, Florence, John, Margaret, Timothy, Agnes, Genevieve.



March 21, 1956

Mr. Charles H. Lincoln  
15 Court Street  
Taunton, Mass.

My dear Mr. Lincoln:

Glad indeed to have your letter with its further information about the Taunton Lincoln.

I am taking the occasion to attach a little autobiography of Lincoln which does mention his Quaker ancestors although I am sure he was counting upon the general religious belief in the community where his forebears came from in Berks County, Pennsylvania. His great, great grandfather, Mordecai, is buried in the Friends Meeting Cemetery at Exeter in Berks County. This is where the notion came from.

The only confusion about the Abraham Lincoln who came to Kentucky, the grandfather of the president, is to where he first located. Of course, a great many local traditions have sprung up as they always will. Whether or not he spent a short time on Green River before moving on to Long Run near Louisville has not been fully determined. However, all Lincoln students I think who give much attention to the subject are agreed that he was massacred by the Indians on his Long Run farm and is buried there in the Long Run Church burial ground. He himself had set aside this one acre of his four hundred acre tract as God's Acre and it seems to be very well confirmed that he is buried there.

Very truly yours,

LAW:WC  
enc.

Director

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Dr. R. Gerald McMurtry  
The Lincoln National Life Foundation  
Fort Wayne  
Indiana

Dear Mr. McMurtry:

We have found another reference to Timothy D. Lincoln in the Magazine of Western History, March 1887, p. 690 - plus. This article states that he was born in Brimfield, Hamden County, Mass. on May 11, 1815. And the Commercial Gazette, Wednesday, April 2, 1890 contains the following notice:

Died

Lincoln - at his residence, Tuesday morning April 1, 1890, Timothy Danielson Lincoln, in the 75th year of his age.

Requiem Mass at the Cathedral Wednesday morning April 2, at 9 o'clock. Funeral from the Cathedral Thursday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Burial private.

On page 8, col. 1 there is sketch of Lincoln which states he died of a complication of stomach and liver disease.

I discovered that the book containing the photograph of Lincoln had not been called for by the firm which we called, and thus the delay. You should have it in a few days from "Longley's".

Very truly,

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*Ethel L. Hutchins*

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Ethel L. Hutchins,  
Head History and Literature  
Department

July 10, 1956

Miss Ethel L. Hutchins, Head  
History and Literature Department  
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and Hamilton County  
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Cincinnati 2, Ohio

Dear Miss Hutchins:

I have your letter of July 9 and I want to thank you for sending me the additional information concerning Timothy D. Lincoln. This new data will enable me to complete my article which I am preparing for publication in our Lincoln Lore.

I am also glad to learn that very soon we will receive some photographs of Timothy D. Lincoln for our file.

You may be a little confused about my address as when I originally wrote to you I was the Director of the Department of Lincolniana at Lincoln Memorial University. My new position is Director of The Lincoln National Life Foundation at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Thanking you for your many courtesies I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Director

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## T. D. LINCOLN

Timothy Danielson Lincoln has risen to eminence in the practice of law in the face of forbidding circumstances, and without political aid. This being the case, it is scarcely necessary to add that his success has been due to his force and decision of character united to an excellent adaptation to his chosen profession. He is the son of Dr. Asa Lincoln, of Brimfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts, who was eminent in his profession, a member of the Governor's Council, and was several times elected to the Senate of the State. His mother's maiden name was Sarah Danielson, whose father was a judge during the "Shay Rebellion," and was a general in the army. He was a wealthy and prominent man. She was a highly educated woman, having been brought up under the guardianship of General William Eaton, who married her mother when she was a mere child.

Our subject was born at Brimfield, Massachusetts, and at the age of sixteen had the misfortune to lose his mother. He was chiefly educated at the public schools, but attended Wilbraham Academy for two quarters, and subsequently attended the Wesleyan University at Middletown, for two years, confining himself, while in this institution, to the English and scientific courses. For the purpose of replenishing his pocket, however, he was obliged to suspend his studies during a part of each winter and teach school. On leaving the Wesleyan University he took charge of one of the principal town schools at New Bedford, where he remained four years. While thus engaged he entered the office of the Hon. Charles H. Warren, and devoted his Saturdays and odd hours, not occupied by teaching, to the study of the law. He was admitted to the bar in New Bedford, and shortly after, having borrowed a few hundred dollars to pay his expenses and for his support until he could sustain himself by his profession, he started for the West. On leaving Massachusetts he expected to settle in St. Louis, Missouri, where he had a few friends. On his way thither he stopped a few days at Cincinnati, and was greatly attracted by the beauty of the surrounding scenery. He proceeded to St. Louis, but the subject of slavery in that State weighing upon his mind, he made a trip up the Missouri River to see the country, and then returned to Cincinnati, where he had neither friends nor acquaintances.

Finding that he could not be admitted to the bar until he had resided in the State a year, he entered the office of Mr. Charles Fox, then enjoying an extensive practice, where he remained until October, 1842, when he was admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court, then sitting in Zanesville. On the first of January, 1843, he entered into partnership with Mr. Fox, with whom he remained until February 4, 1846, when the firm of Fox & Lincoln was dissolved, and Mr. Lincoln continued his practice alone, until September, 1864, when Messrs. Fayette Smith and James Warnock, who remain with him to this day, were admitted as partners; and subsequently Mr. Charles H. Stephens was admitted into the firm, which now exists under the name of Lincoln, Smith, Warnock & Stephens.

Since 1846 he and the firm, of which he is the head, have had an extensive practice, very largely connected with western commerce, and especially with insurance and river cases. They have also been connected with many toughly contested cases that have arisen in this vicinity. He has been as often called away from this city on important litigation as any other member of the Cincinnati bar. In connection with such litigation, as leading counsel, he has been twice to Iowa, twice to Illinois, once to Tennessee, twice to West Virginia, once to Frankfort, Kentucky, often to Indiana, and many Ohio cities. Almost every winter, since 1849, he has had one or more cases at the Supreme Court of the United States, or in the Court of Claims at Washington. He was the opposing counsel of the late President Abraham Lincoln, at Chicago, in 1857, in the Rock Island Bridge suit, and has taken part in many of the suits against the bridges over the western rivers.

Mr. Lincoln is distinguished for his industry and untiring energy in the preparation of his cases, both as regards law and facts, and for the ability with which he presents them. He makes no effort at eloquence, nor attempts to captivate by an appeal to the feelings; but in his straightforward earnestness seems entirely oblivious of any bystanders and regardless of what they may think of his effort to convince the court and jury. In his investigation of the law and facts of a case he commands the attention of court and jury by his logical statement; and it is said that at times he has an impassioned eloquence peculiar to himself that is very effective. He certainly has the power to interest persons in mere matters of fact; seizing the salient points and presenting them to the understanding in a very striking manner. He is also understood to be an upright and sincere counselor to his clients; advising settlements, keeping them out of litigation whenever he can, and getting them out as quick as possible, and never giving advice he would not be glad to receive were he the client.

An incident occurred in the early part of Mr. Lincoln's professional career that has resulted in a fact which alone would entitle him to an honorable mention in this volume. We have reference to his private law library of some six thousand volumes. It is probably the largest private collection of law books in America, if not in the world. Its history is as follows: Mr. Lincoln, soon after leaving Mr. Fox in 1846, was consulted in reference to some comparatively unimportant matter, and subsequent to the interview questioned the soundness of the advice he had given to his client; and after searching from one office to another for several days in order to decide the question satisfactorily, he notified his client of his error, and at once resolved that he would not practice a learned profession without the requisite knowledge, or the means of obtaining it; and he immediately purchased all the books he could obtain credit for and has been constantly adding ever since, until his library has become extensively known in this country and in Europe.

Mr. Lincoln has avoided all political or other positions except such as his professional business gave him. He has, however, been induced to accept the office of Park Commissioner, which he now holds. Some years since he sought relief from business by traveling in Europe



during the summer vacation; and subsequently visited the Old World three times, making the tour of most of the countries in Western Europe except Spain.

Mr. Lincoln was not connected with the army during the late war, but he took an active part in sustaining the Government, and never for a moment lost faith in its power to suppress the Rebellion. His partner, Captain Warnock, entered the army and remained in it to near its close; and upon his return the partners divided fees with him as though he had been attending to business the whole time. On the last call for troops in Ohio Mr. Lincoln sent three representatives into the army, at a cost of six hundred dollars, one for himself, one for his son John Ledyard Lincoln, then three years old, and one for a son just then born. Though Mr. Lincoln takes no active part in public affairs, he is nevertheless not uninterested therein, and is understood to be one of the most public spirited men in the city, using his means freely in aid of its public and private charities.

In 1845 he married Miss Mary Seymour Clark, daughter of Major Nathan Clark, of the United States Army, a most highly educated and cultivated lady, by whom he has had eleven children; and whom, by the aid of his accomplished wife, he is educating in the highest manner, acting upon the idea that anything that leads to knowledge and culture, within his means, is not extravagant.

Mr. Lincoln is now in the vigor of life, and in the full enjoyment of the large and lucrative practice which his close attention to the interests of his clients has given him, and which he is likely to enjoy for some years to come.

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# Lincolnton Was Named For Noted Revolutionary

General

Was Designated By Washington  
to Receive Cornwallis'  
Sword at Yorktown

Lincoln county, and then Lincolnton, were named for General Benjamin Lincoln, of Revolutionary fame. At the time Lincoln county was formed from Tryon, General Lincoln had just been placed in command of the Southern Continental Army and it was the unanimous decision of the founders of the new county that it should bear the name of the famous general.

The picture of General Lincoln, accompanying this article, was furnished by Miss Helen B. Crosby, a great-granddaughter, of Hingham, Mass., and is said to be a splendid likeness of the general. The Times went to considerable trouble and expense to secure the cut, which had to be made from a reproduction of a reproduction of a steel engraving. The signature accompanying the picture is a copy of the general's own handwriting.

Benjamin Lincoln was born in Hingham, Mass., in 1733. He joined the patriot army in the Revolution and in 1776 was made a major-general in militia. He was given the chief command of the Southern department in 1778 and defended Charleston against General Prevost in the spring of 1779.

In October, of that year he, with Count D'Estaing, made an attack on Savannah, which was unsuccessful. He was subsequently besieged by Sir Henry Clinton in Charleston and forced to surrender in 1780.

He was exchanged in 1781, commanded a division at Yorktown, and was named by Washington to receive the sword of Cornwallis at the surrender at Yorktown on October 19, 1781.

Gen. Lincoln was wounded in the

## General Benjamin Lincoln



Above is photograph and  
signature of General Benjamin  
Lincoln, Revolutionary patriot  
and former Secretary of War,

for whom Lincolnton was named.  
(See accompanying story  
for details of his extraordinary  
career.)

Saratoga campaign in 1777 and was  
lamed for life, though it did not deter  
him from continuing his service  
in the army.

General Lincoln was appointed by  
Congress on October 30, 1781 to take

charge of the war department, and  
was the first Secretary of War under  
the Articles of Confederation. At  
the time of his retirement, two years  
later, Congress resolved, by the Act  
of October 29, 1783, "that the resig-



nation of Major-General Lincoln as Secretary of War for the United States, be accepted in consideration of the earnest desire which he expresses (the objects of the war being so highly accomplished) to retire to private life, and that he be informed that the United States in Congress assembled entertain a high sense of his perseverance, fortitude, activity, fidelity and capacity in the execution of the office of the Secretary of War, which important trust he has discharged to their entire satisfaction."

In 1787 General Lincoln was elected lieutenant-governor of Massachusetts. He commanded the Massachusetts militia during Shay's rebellion and in 1789 he became collector of the port of Boston. He was a member of the convention which ratified the Constitution of the United States. He died in 1810.

General Lincoln's home in Hingham, Mass., is still standing and is one of the shrines of that city. Recently a boulder was placed near the old home in memory of General Lincoln.

SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

THE LINCOLN TIMES, LINCOLNTON, N. C.

TO GENERAL WASHINGTON FROM THE  
GENERAL WHO SQUELCHED DAN SHAYS

**B**ENJAMIN LINCOLN of Hingham, Massachusetts, served as major-general at the siege of Boston and won the approbation of Washington in subsequent campaigns from Saratoga to Savannah. The low point of his fortunes came when, with his entire army, he was captured by Clinton at Charleston. Paroled, he returned north to hoe his Hingham garden, restively awaiting the exchange which came in time for him to march south again in command of reinforcements for the Yorktown campaign, and so served to the end of the war.

For two years General Lincoln was Secretary of War. Returning to private life, he farmed at Hingham and speculated in the "eastern lands" of Maine. In January, 1787, he was appointed to lead the state troops to suppress the rebellion of Daniel Shays. When the General Court failed to provide the necessary funds, Lincoln raised \$20,000 from prominent citizens. On the night of February 2 he made his famous march through a snow-storm to Petersham, where he captured the remnants of Shays' forces and ended the rebellion. The victor recommended leniency. General Lincoln was a member of the Federal Constitutional Convention of 1788 and in that year became Governor of Massachusetts.

Shays' Rebellion, which agitated central and western Massachusetts from August, 1786, to February, 1787, had its cause in the severe depression which followed the Revolution. The times were distinguished by overdue debts and high taxes, probably disproportionately heavy for the poorer people and the western sections. Lacking property qualifications to permit them to ameliorate their lot by the ballot, the malcontents rallied for direct action behind Daniel Shays, a Revolutionary veteran and an office holder in the town of Pelham.

After the suppression of the Rebellion by General Lincoln and his associate, General William Shepard (who repulsed an attack on the Springfield Arsenal), Shays escaped to Vermont. Eventually he and a dozen others who had been condemned to death were pardoned and many of the reforms for which they had fought were effected. The rebellion convinced many of the need of a stronger central government, so that the rebel, Daniel Shays, had his part in creating the Federal Constitution.

THE which is worth whatever cracked heads and broken  
MONTH glass it may have cost.

On December 4, 1786, General Lincoln at Hingham began a long letter to his old commander, George Washington. He speaks first of Washington's declared intention to retire as head of the order of the Cincinnati and then discusses his Maine venture. . . .

"Indeed I am so pleased with the country that I frequently wish myself there where I might be free from the present noise and tumults but I cannot leave this part of the State at present. . . . I am now busily employed in organizing it [*the State Militia*] etc. This business which would at all times be a duty is especially so now, when the State is convulsed and the bonds of government, in some parts of it, are cast off. I cannot be surprized therefore to hear your Excellency enquire 'are your people getting mad? are we to have the goodly fabric that eight years were spent in raising pulled over our heads? what is the cause of all these commotions? when and how will they end?' Although I cannot pretend to give a full and compleat answer to them, yet I will make some observations which shall involve in them the best answers to the several questions in my power to give."

Lincoln's answers to Washington's question form an admirable résumé of the conservative view of Shays' Rebellion. He reflects a rather widespread fear at that

time that "there doth not appear to be virtue among the people to preserve a perfect republican government." The letter proper, inscribed to "General Washington" and signed "B. Lincoln," is followed by a long postscript, written at Marlborough on January 21, 1787, when he was in pursuit of the rebels. It concludes:

"The gentlemen of property & men of influence have come forth fully on this occasion and have loaned a considerable sum of money to government. I cannot but hope that we shall be able to crush the opposition & that the people will be disposed to submit to government and enjoy undisturbed, in fullness, the blessings of it. When ever I mention military matters I feel a responsibility to your Excellency & shall when anything turns up of importance do myself the pleasure to communicate it."

This admirable historical letter from a Massachusetts to a national hero occupies eight closely written 4to pages. \$100.

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Highland Dec 17 1886

AT GOOD-  
SPEED'S

My dear General

I was honored by the receipt of your favor  
of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. and your courteous advice by one of the  
last of the same.

Wish you something had not in-  
terrupted summer, & that your return to us  
were from the heart of the winter of Minnesota. I have  
communicated your address to our delegates to the next  
general meeting and to our state society.

I have made three trips into the cotton country this year visiting our public & private institutions. I have not been there and I doubt will probably go there next summer. I think it a good country and that more cotton may be grown in it with better success than in some of the cotton States. I have visited two fine cotton farms & have obtained a number of bolls - We have begun to apply water for it and that will doubtless increase our production and enable us to sell our cotton in 1850 from the plantation at the low price which we have bought it

*A.L.S. General Benjamin Lincoln*



#### OTHER NOTED LINCOLNS.

Now that it is proved by the clearest evidence (as it has been within a few years) that Abraham Lincoln's ancestors came from Massachusetts and settled in Virginia, after a half of a generation or so in Pennsylvania, it is of interest to study the character of the branch of the family that remained in New England. And it is really curious to observe the similarity of traits as well as proper names. In both stocks are found the prevalent scriptural names: John, Benjamin, Mordecai, Levi and Abraham. In both there was a tendency to Quaker ideas as to avoiding strife, but a thoroughly American eagerness after the strife once began to conduct it so the other fellow would thereafter avoid it.

Most noted of the New England stock was Gen. Benjamin Lincoln, who was born at Hingham, Mass., Jan. 24, 1733, and died there May 9, 1810. He filled various offices, became a general in the Revolution, commanded the expedition which cleared Boston harbor of British vessels, and thereafter commanded a division under Gates at Saratoga, in the south, and under Washington at various places, with such ability and success that Washington appointed him to receive the sword of Cornwallis at Yorktown. He was secretary of war under the confederation and filled other important offices.

John Larkin Lincoln, a very noted scholar in his time, and familiar to students for his edition of "Livy," was a native of Boston. All these were nearly related to each other, but distant relatives of the Liberator.

Major General

Benjamin Lincoln

participated with credit  
at the siege of Yorktown.  
In consideration of his  
merits and misfortunes  
Washington appoints him  
to receive the sword of  
Cornwallis upon the surrender  
of the British forces.

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Shreveport Louisiana

Recd from Washington  
recd sword from  
Cornwallis

In yours Washy Hobs

Richard Bening 1733-1810

Secretary of the Provincial Congress of Massachusetts  
active in organizing and training Colonial troops  
appointed major-general of state militia in 1776  
commanded expedition that cleared Boston Harbor of

British vessels

Appointed major-general of American troops on  
recommendation of George Washington in 1777

In 1778 appointed by Congress to chief command of the  
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participated in siege of Fort Mifflin and Washington  
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## General For Whom Lincoln County Was Named Received Sword of Cornwallis, According to His Great-granddaughter

Whether or not General Lincoln, for whom Lincolnton and Lincoln county are named, received the sword of Cornwallis at the surrender at Yorktown has been a much discussed question.

In this connection the following letter, received by Mrs. George Brown, member of the Jacob Forney

chapter, D. A. R., several years ago, from Mrs. Helen B. Crosby, of Hingham, Mass., a great-granddaughter of General Lincoln, will be read with interest:

Hingham, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Brown:

It is gratifying to my sister and

me to hear that General Lincoln, our great-grandfather, was popular in the south. We are interested to know that his name is remembered in your town and county, and also in Georgia. In the state of Maine there, too, is a county bearing his name.

It is true that General Lincoln received Cornwallis' sword at Yorktown. Cornwallis, himself, feigned illness and General O'Hara gave up the sword, which was at once given back, according to the usual custom.

Very sincerely yours,

HELEN B. CROSBY.

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